

The De Montfort School

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Dear Parent/Carer

School Closure in Severe Weather

To ensure the effective education of our students, our first intention is to keep the school open. In certain severe weather circumstances however, the school will be forced to close on Health & Safety grounds. The decision generally falls into three risk categories as well as changes to weather during the day as detailed below:

High Risk

Extreme snow overnight affecting Evesham and surrounding areas and traffic warnings are advising not to travel. A decision will be taken as close to 6.30am as possible. Staff/parents will be alerted by text, the local authority will be notified and a notice placed on our website.

High to Medium Risk

Extreme snow overnight affecting surrounding areas but less heavy in Evesham and traffic warnings are advising not to travel. The decision to remain open/close will be dependent on whether a) students can walk safely to school and b) if sufficient staff in areas less affected can travel safely. A decision will be taken as close to 6.30am as possible. Staff/parents will be alerted by text, the local authority will be notified and a notice placed on our website.

If the decision is made to keep the school open, we may not be able to offer full educational provision owing to reduced staffing beyond our control.

Low Risk

Light snow. Safe to walk and travel. No traffic warnings. Our intention is to remain open.

(please see overleaf)

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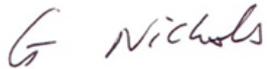
Deteriorating conditions during the day

If heavy snow falls locally during the day we reserve the right to close the school early. In this circumstance we will text parents, notify the local authority and place a notice on our website. Parents/carers must ensure suitable alternative arrangements are in place for students who may need to return home early. Where necessary, staff living in the locality will remain on site to ensure that any student who cannot leave early for any reason is supervised until the end of the school day.

In the event of closure:

In the event of extreme snow, the school will remain closed until it is deemed safe and local roads are passable. We would of course re-open as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Nichols". The letter "G" is stylized and cursive.

Guy Nichols
Headteacher