

## Severe weather

### Guidance for school closure decisions

The guidance on this section is to assist in an appropriate decision-making process.

We would want to ensure that closures are avoided and prevented and that if they take place they are absolutely necessary, are based on real conditions and are made in a consistent manner across Ealing schools.

Clearly there are health and safety issues and headteachers will use these as one of the primary determining reasons.

We would like to remind schools that it is a **statutory requirement to report any school closures to the LA**.

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