



## Cold snap: statutory duty to report school closures

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### 4 February weather update: level 1 weather alert / no action required

[Emergency planning during the winter months](#)

Please also read the above article about keeping your school open for as many children as possible, attendance marking, impact of staff absence and practical winter guidance.

## Reminder that reporting school closure is statutory

It is a statutory requirement to inform the local authority, if you decide to close your school, e.g. due to severe weather conditions.

Report any school closures to the Ealing schools incidents desk:

Mobile: 07940 546 263

Email: [dunhams@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:dunhams@ealing.gov.uk)

And confirm:

- Your school's name
- Name of person leaving message
- Contact telephone number
- Reason for school's closure
- Expected date/time to re-open.

### School closure update report 1 February 10am:

Nine schools have reported their school closure for 1 February ; one school reported half a day (pm) school closure for 1 February.

## Cold snap

Temperatures are expected to stay very low over the next few days in London and local people are advised to prepare for further cold weather next week.

### Cold weather alert - update 1 February

There is a 90% probability of severe cold weather/icy conditions/heavy snow between 9am on Friday 1 February and 9am on Monday 4 February in parts of England.

This weather could increase the health risks to vulnerable patients and disrupt the delivery of services.

The council's emergency procedures are in place and gritting vehicles are ready if needed.

## Staying warm and support for residents

During the cold weather, staff and managers are advised to take care and responsibility of their own and their pupils health, safety and welfare.

Residents who are concerned about keeping their homes warm can call Ealing Healthy Homes (formerly COSIE) helpline to receive tips and information on how to keep their homes warm and their energy bills down. Additional support is also available for those who are struggling to pay their energy bills. Residents can call the Ealing Healthy Homes freephone number on 0800 083 2265 between Monday-Friday, from 9.30am until 5.30pm.

Anyone who is concerned about someone sleeping rough during the cold weather – or at any other time – can report it using the national Streetlink website or by calling 0300 500 0914. The information will be sent to the local St Mungo's outreach service, which is contracted by the council to contact and help rough sleepers. Please give as much information as possible about the location at which the person is sleeping.

## Services and travel updates

Gritters are on standby and will be sent out to grit primary routes across the borough to keep main roads moving whenever freezing conditions are forecast.

Every year Ealing Council works with Transport for London, the other London boroughs, the City of London and emergency services to put plans in place in the event of severe winter weather. Severe weather can sometimes result in council services being disrupted, for this reason residents are reminded to keep up to date by following Ealing Council on twitter <https://twitter.com/ealingcouncil>

Londoners and visitors to the city are reminded to check before they travel during any severe cold weather period, and to allow extra journey time where necessary. Passengers can check before travelling by visiting [Transport for London's website](#) or following @TfLTravelAlerts, @TfLTrafficNews and @TfLBusAlerts on Twitter.


## Reminder for schools

Schools are reminded:

- To follow [emergency planning during the winter months](#)
- That it is their [statutory duty to report school closures](#)
- To monitor check the [weather forecast for London and the South East](#) (Met Office) during the winter months
- To [report a suspected outbreak](#) of infectious and contagious diseases to the relevant authorities
- That those with certain medical conditions, e.g. asthma, diabetes, who are more at risk, can get free flu vaccinations from their GP or from some pharmacies. GPs and pharmacies will charge those not in the 'at risk' group a small fee for the jab.

### Downloads

 [Cold Weather Alert 01-02-19.pdf \(pdf\)](#)

 [NHS cold weather poster on how to stay warm during winter - for distribution.pdf \(pdf\)](#)

### Related content

[Further action by school in event of closure decision](#)

[Infectious and contagious diseases and immunisations](#)

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