

# The Topsham School

A love of learning and commitment to the success of every child at the heart of all we do



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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the decision we made to close the school today.

We, like 250 other schools in Devon, made this difficult decision in receipt of advice from Devon County Council who have stated:

*The combination of wind, rain, and the storm moving over warm sea waters increases risk of very high wind speeds, flooding and trees falling.*

*An emergency strategy meeting has taken place today and it was agreed that we need to ensure school leaders fully appreciate that the current weather warning presents a risk to life and could worsen.*

*... Devon County Council have taken the decision today to ask all staff where possible to work from home.*

***All schools need to consider the high level of risk presented by this storm and make a decision ... The unpredictability of this weather front along with the risk to life warning should support you in this area.***

As a school, we will do what we can to support our children and families today.

All classes have a selection of small learning tasks uploaded on to Google Classroom or Seesaw. These are optional and are there if this is a support to structure the day at home. Some are designed to be similar throughout each class so that older siblings can support younger ones if required.

All teaching staff, myself, and admin staff are contactable via email today, should you need to contact us as usual.

All bookings for school meals for today have been cancelled and where payment has been made for these meals, the money has been credited to the child's lunch account.

We are expecting to return to school as normal tomorrow, but this will be confirmed by the end of the day.

Kind regards,  
Maria White  
**Headteacher**



