

# SEVERE WEATHER GUIDANCE

The Met Office warn the public and emergency services of severe or hazardous weather which has the potential to cause damage, widespread disruption and/or danger to life through the National Severe Weather Warning Service <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/guide/weather/warnings>.

## YELLOW WARNING

Severe weather is possible over the next few days, you should plan ahead thinking about possible travel delays, or the disruption of your day to day activities. Yellow means keep an eye on the latest forecast and be aware that the weather may change or worsen, leading to disruption of your plans in the next few days.

<b>EA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor and assess weather warnings and notify service managers and schools of weather warnings, if appropriate, based on assessment of likelihood and impact.</li> <li>• Advise schools and EA staff to carry out pre-emptive measures as necessary.</li> <li>• Participate in multi-agency conference calls if required.</li> <li>• Check on EA Web page if place of work is closed.</li> <li>• Advise schools on any disruption/changes to school transport.</li> <li>• Inform line manager of any difficulties in attending your normal place of work.</li> </ul>
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor weather reports from Met office. Consider location of school as regional warnings may not be accurate, react appropriately to advice from EA staff.</li> <li>• Assess potential impact and associated risks of weather warnings on school and advise key holders of potential risks.</li> <li>• Consider need for school closure. Can pupils and staff access the school building safely? Be evacuated in an emergency? Could the emergency services access the school? Is the area designated for disembarkation from transport safe for pupils?</li> <li>• Communicate any changes to bus routes to parents.</li> <li>• Report maintenance issues to EA's Help Desk/Emergency on-call officer.</li> </ul>

## AMBER WARNING

There is an increased likelihood of bad weather affecting you, which could potentially disrupt your plans and possibly cause travel delays, road and rail closures, interruption to power and the potential risk to life and property. Amber means you need to be prepared to change your plans and protect you, your family and community from the impacts of the severe weather based on the forecast from the Met Office.

<b>EA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ALL YELLOW WARNING ACTIONS</b></li> <li>• Establish EA severe weather group.</li> <li>• Prioritise and clarify with contractors repair/ maintenance work to be undertaken.</li> <li>• Send Liaison Officer(s) to Multi-Agency Control Room(s) if required.</li> <li>• Consider need for activation of major emergency plan.</li> </ul>
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ALL YELLOW WARNING ACTIONS</b></li> <li>• Prioritise with contractors any repair work to be undertaken.</li> <li>• Notify and keep appropriate personnel up to date, e.g. school and EA.</li> </ul>

## RED WARNING

Extreme weather is expected. Red means you should take action now to keep yourself and others safe from the impact of the weather. Widespread damage, travel and power disruption and risk to life is likely. You must avoid dangerous areas and follow the advice of the emergency services and local authorities.

<b>EA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ALL YELLOW WARNING ACTIONS</b></li> <li>• <b>ALL AMBER WARNING ACTIONS</b></li> <li>• Major Emergency Plan may need to be activated.</li> </ul>
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ALL YELLOW WARNING ACTIONS</b></li> <li>• <b>ALL AMBER WARNING ACTIONS</b></li> <li>• School closed.</li> </ul>