



Ravens Wood School

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Policy Document

Policy Name	Adverse Weather Procedure (Students)
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SLT Responsible:	Headteacher
Other staff:	
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1. Introduction

Ravens Wood School is committed to ensuring that all our students are able to maximise their potential. We therefore aim to remain open during inclement weather, balancing the risks from lower supervision, disrupted journeys, or minor injury, against disruption to our students' learning. Ravens Wood has very good public transport links and we rely on our parents/carers to make appropriate decisions about students' safety when travelling during periods of inclement weather.

In the rare circumstances that it becomes necessary to close the school due to severe weather, the decision will not be taken lightly. The decision to close the school will be based on the fact that students or staff would face significant risk of serious injury.

When exceptional weather is expected the following guidelines should be noted:

2. Clothing

- Students should wear appropriate clothing, taking into account the type of weather, including a hat, gloves and suitable coat, as necessary. Suitable footwear to cope with the weather may be necessary, but school shoes should be worn upon entry to the school building, (unless a student in years 7, 8 or 9 is due to wear PE kit for their PE lesson, when they can change into their PE footwear).

3. Transportation

- Parents/carers are advised to check local transportation information if their son/daughter travels by public transport. If, due to the weather, your son/daughter cannot get to school, parents/carers should telephone the school to report this absence.
- The school will liaise with the local bus companies to check whether services are likely to be disrupted throughout the school day. This information will be relayed to the students as necessary.

4. Communication

- If the school is to be closed due to severe weather before students arrive at the beginning of the school day, a note will be posted on the school website and the school will attempt to text/email parents/carers as soon as possible.
- Parents/carers should check the website, before attempting to contact the school directly as lines will be needed to communicate out of school.
- A school closure message will also be posted on the WhatsApp Broadcasting Channel at:
<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb46XlrJP210HD3qq51J>
- If weather conditions deteriorate whilst the school is in session, we will endeavour to contact parents/carers to inform them of the situation. Students will be kept fully informed of the decision and guidance given as to the next steps. The school's website and WhatsApp Broadcasting Channel will provide details of the latest information.