

EXTREME WEATHER

Policy applies from EYFS to Sixth Form and to all Staff	
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Clifton High School is committed to child protection and safeguarding children and young people and expects all staff, visitors, and volunteers to share this commitment.

Related Policies

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1. Introduction

It is always the intention to keep Clifton High School physically open during term time. Parents and pupils should assume that this is the case unless otherwise informed via the School website or text message. Clifton High School does not, however, want to put the safety of pupils, parents and staff at risk and so should extreme weather make it dangerous to travel or to be on the School site, then the School will be physically closed. For the purposes of this policy, 'extreme weather' refers to weather circumstances which could include snow or ice, floods, or extreme wind.

2. Extreme weather before School opens in the morning

Should extreme weather during the night or over the weekend cause Clifton High School to physically close, then prompt, timely information will be provided by text message to parents and staff by 7.00am and information will also be provided on the School website.

3. Should weather conditions deteriorate during the school day

Should weather conditions deteriorate during the school day, an announcement to physically close the School will be sent by text message to parents. Information will also be provided on the School website. This information will include the time the School will be physically closing and



arrangements for dismissal. There will be no provision for after-school co-curricular activities, and after-school care will only be offered in cases where parents cannot collect their children sooner.

4. Teaching and learning on extreme weather days

On an extreme weather day, work will be set by pupils' normal class or subject teachers via their preferred online platform; usually One Drive. This work will not be timetabled on the first day of closure, allowing families and pupils to manage their own time. The content of such lessons may differ from the normal schemes of work but will remain relevant to what is being studied. On any subsequent extreme weather days, online learning will take place via Microsoft Teams for all lessons. This provision will differ depending on the year group and details will be given at the time of implementation.

5. Pupils leaving School during the day if an extreme weather day is announced

As with normal school days, children in the Infant and Junior School must be picked up by their parents and pupils in the Senior School may either be picked up by their parents or make their own journey home, with parental permission. Permission of this kind needs to be emailed to schooloffice@cliftonhigh.co.uk. Under no circumstances may pupils contact their parents directly to request that they go home unless directed to do so by a member of staff.

6. Sixth Form Students Driving to School

Sixth Form students who drive themselves to school are encouraged to make alternative transport arrangements on days when extreme weather is forecast.

7. Absence on Extreme Weather days

Pupil absence on extreme weather days will be recorded as an authorised absence, or on days when remote learning is implemented, the appropriate code will be used on SIMS.

8. Weather warnings

When the Met Office issues yellow, amber or red weather warnings which could cause disruption, but would not require the School to close, the Senior Deputy Head and the Estates and Operations Director will meet to decide whether any Games lessons, co-curricular clubs, sports fixtures, Adventure and/or educational visits need to be postponed or cancelled. If they are to be postponed or cancelled, the decision will be communicated to pupils and parents.