



Sever Weather Policy

2026 - 2028

Policy issue and updates

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Whole Document – new policy for Arc	1	August 2026

The following policy has been approved by the Divisional CEO and Governing Board.

The policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis unless circumstances arise requiring the policy to be reviewed earlier.

Approved by Executive Team: August 2026

Board signatory: 

Planned review: August 2028

1. Policy overview

- 1.1 We are 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. We have very good public transport links and we rely on our parents/carers to make appropriate decisions about students' safety when traveling during periods of inclement weather.

2. Actions

- 2.1 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:

- Students should wear appropriate clothing, taking into account the type of weather, including a hat, gloves and suitable coats as necessary. Suitable footwear to cope with the weather may be necessary.
- Staff are to prepare in advance for severe weather and ensure stocks of grit etc.
- 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 on their usual public transport parents 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.
- If the school is to be closed due to severe weather before students arrive at the beginning of the school day, the school will attempt to text/call/e-mail parents/carers as soon as possible or post a note on the school app.
- Parents should check the app, before attempting to contact the school directly as lines will be needed to communicate.
- If weather conditions deteriorate whilst the school is in session we will endeavour to contact parents to inform them of the situation. Students will be kept fully informed of the decision and guidance given as to the next steps.

Staff - Please also read Progress Arc Business Continuity Plan.