



The John Fisher School

Severe Weather Policy

Responsible: Governors' Resources Committee

Next Review Date: January 2019

Severe Weather Procedure Policy

In the event of adverse weather every effort will be made to open the School. However, there may be a need to keep the school closed until such a time that it can be reopened. The following factors will be taken into account when considering closure:

- the Health & Safety of all members of The John Fisher School community on and around the school site
- the Health & Safety of all members of The John Fisher School community travelling to and from school
- the ability of members of staff to get to school
- behaviour of boys (snowball & general misbehaviour) should there be insufficient staff available to supervise lessons and break-time
- the ability of the site to remain open under the supervision of the site supervisors
- decisions made by other local schools that may impact on The John Fisher School (e.g. siblings, unwanted visits, etc)
- public transport issues
- the local weather forecast
- School trips and planned events.

Unless there is a clear indication on the previous evening that the school may need to close the next day the following early morning procedure will be followed:

At 6.30 a.m. the Headteacher, Deputy Headteachers and School Bursar, will liaise by telephone with regard to possible school closure. The Site Manager and/or Assistant Site Manager will give advice regards to potential Health & Safety and premises issues as a result of the severe weather.

Should it still be unclear at this stage as to whether it is necessary to close the school a decision will be made by 7.30a.m. This will usually follow inspection of the school site by the staff identified previously that are available to make a judgement. The final decision will usually be confirmed by the Headteacher.

Should it be necessary to close the school, the Network Manager will be contacted by telephone in order to change the message on the School's website home page.

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