

December 2017

# **Procedures In The Event Of Adverse Weather Conditions**

In the event of adverse weather conditions, such as heavy snowfall, the following procedures will be implemented:

#### Morning Inward Journey - School Bus Users

Where there is doubt that the school buses will run due to heavy overnight snowfall or other adverse weather conditions, the bus companies will be contacted by a member of School staff. Decisions will be based on the weather conditions in Abbots Bromley at 6.30 am.

If journeys are not possible, this information will be communicated to parents via 'Parentmail', the school website (<a href="www.abbotsbromleyschool.com">www.abbotsbromleyschool.com</a>), the school Facebook page (<a href="www.facebook.com/AbbotsBromleySchool">www.facebook.com/AbbotsBromleySchool</a> and the school Twitter account (<a href="www.abbotsBromleySchool">@AbbotsBromleySchool</a>).

### Morning Inward Journey - Non-School Bus Users

Parents/guardians may not wish to make journeys that they consider to be difficult or dangerous in the given road/weather conditions. In these circumstances the school will remain open for pupils in Year 1 and above, but the normal timetable will be suspended as teaching staff, as well as pupils, may be unable to get into school, and an alternative programme will be put in place.

A decision will be taken to close for EYFS pupils if the required staffing levels are not met. Parents of EYFS pupils are advised to contact school before making a difficult journey.

Day pupils coming to school by car should not make the journey if the weather forecast suggests that travelling conditions will remain poor or deteriorate during the day. This is due to the fact that we have only limited space in boarding in the event of extreme weather conditions.

Before 8.00am, parents/guardians are welcome to contact school on the boarding house mobile number – 07495 367062 before making any decision about whether to start their journey. After 8.00am, the main school number: 01283 840232 should be used and hold until you are able to speak to a member of staff. Please also check school communications using the contact details given above.

## Afternoon - Return Journey - Bus Users

When weather conditions necessitate bringing forward return journeys, the School Office will make suitable arrangements with the bus companies and parents will be contacted to be given details of estimated revised times of arrival at return destinations. In the event that parents are unable to arrange for the safe collection of their child/ward at the revised time, then they may remain in school for collection at an alternative time.

#### Afternoon – Return Journey For Non-Bus Users

If parents/guardians are concerned about weather conditions, they are encouraged to contact school to arrange an earlier collection time for their child/ward. This information is also useful for the school in making decisions about the return journey for other pupils.

In the event of parents being unable to arrange for the collection of day pupils, the school will accommodate them in the boarding houses until conditions improve, though it may not be possible to offer overnight boarding. There may be a nominal charge for this service.