Glossopdale
School & Sixth Form

Advice to Parents and Carers in the Event of Adverse Weather

Please note, in the event of severe weather which may affect the School's normal opening hours, the following procedures will be put in place:

What happens if the weather deteriorates during the day:

- The School will only close in the event of severe weather. The decision will be made by the Headteacher, based on ensuring the Health and Safety of students and staff.
- If a decision to close the School is made, it will be posted on the School website and Facebook page and parents will be advised via text message and email. ***Parents should ensure that the School has up-to-date mobile phone numbers and email addresses.***
- Students who are normally collected will be instructed to contact parents for advice on what they should do.
- Students walking home will be advised to walk in groups.
- School will be kept open and appropriately staffed until the last student has left the building.
- Please note that staff are not permitted to give lifts to students.
- Students will only be sent home once an email and text message has been sent to all parents.
- If you require your child to stay in School until he or she is collected, please notify the School prior to adverse weather by emailing info@glossopdaleschool.org.uk
- An email will advise families that work for the day will be accessible through Google Classroom as soon as is practicable.
- Work may include pre-recorded lessons, PowerPoint presentations or Oak Academy lessons.

Severe Weather Overnight:

- Any decision to close the School, or to delay the opening of the School, will be made as early as possible.
- If a decision to close the School is made, it will be posted on the School website and Facebook page, and parents will be advised via text message and email. Parents should ensure that the School has up-to-date mobile phone numbers and email addresses.
- The school will also advise Derbyshire County Council of the closure and they will post on their webpage: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures Where possible, there will be a skeleton staff staffing the telephones and to be on hand should a student not get the message and arrive at School. Where this is not possible an answer phone message will be left on the main switchboard.
- Student absences during 'official' closures will be marked as authorised.
- Work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom for students as soon as practically possible, taking into consideration the logistical difficulties staff may have had in attempting to journey to school.

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How you can help:

- Relay the message to anyone you know who may not be able to be contacted by the School.
- Where possible, keep regular checks on the School website and Facebook page, as well as theDerbyshire County Council school closure site.
    - www.glossopdaleschool.org.uk
    - www.derbyshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures
- Talk through the procedure with your son/daughter and plan with them what they should do in case of bad weather.
- Ensure that school has your up to date mobile phone number and email address.
- If your own circumstances dictate that your child is unable to make it into school due to adverse weather conditions, please advise the School immediately via the pupil absence line.
- Parents acting on the assumption that the School would be closed without gaining confirmation, or failing to inform the School of the circumstances that prevents the child coming into school, risk their child‘s absence being registered as an unauthorised absence.