

Severe Weather Plan 2025/26

Guidance for Parents/Carers of Chase High School

In matters related to adverse weather conditions, we will keep the school open whenever possible, provided that the safety of pupils and staff can be assured. We will, of course, plan to prevent closures whenever we can.

However, there may be occasions when, due to the health and safety of pupils and staff, we have to close the school.

Decision

The decision to stay open or close the school, is made by 06.30am by the Headteacher. The decision will be based on;

- the ability of staff and pupils to travel to school;
- the conditions on site and in the building, and the resultant H&S risks;
- the likelihood of the weather worsening during the day.

Communication

The communication method to advise of school closure will be made via IRIS text facility, radio stations (BBC Essex - 01245 348348 and Heart Essex - 01245 524500) notices on the school's website <https://www.chasehigh.org> and on the school's social media accounts.

Once the decision has been taken to close the school, it will not be reversed, even if weather conditions improve. Please accept our apologies in advance if the decision turns out to be the wrong one, but we have to decide on the basis of the information available at the time and with enough notice to parents/carers and staff.

Closure of school during the day

We may decide to close the school during the school day to ensure the safety of students and staff travelling home. In this event, we will communicate via IRIS, the school's website and social media accounts.

Reopening of school site

When the school site is safe to reopen, we will send an IRIS text message and update the school's website and social media accounts.