



SNOW and ADVERSE WEATHER Information for parents – Winter 2021 / 2022

The school will remain open if it is safe to do so. Notification about whether the school is open or closed will be made to all staff and parents as soon as possible on the day in question and normally by 07:00.

Attendance

If your child is unable to come into school due to the poor weather, there is no need to telephone the school to inform us of this. Instead of a phone call, please email into the school using the absence email below: absence@kingsleyschool.co.uk

Clothing

In adverse weather conditions, children coming in to school may wear wellingtons or shoes with better grip. They should then change into their normal shoes once in the school building.

Transportation by Bus

If school is open and buses are running during adverse weather then they may be running later than usual. Any changes will be texted out to you.

The school day

The timings of the school day will be the normal ones. Any updates will be communicated to parents via email; please do check whether emails from school go into your junk folders. Parents should only collect children early if their local weather conditions suggest that it may be difficult to leave collection to the normal time. It is very likely that on a day of such major disruption, there will be limited (if any) after-school provision.

For those pupils who attend, we will provide the best educational programme possible. However, it is possible that several staff will not be able to make it in. Therefore:

- we will combine classes if necessary.
- we may not be able to run a normal teaching timetable. A suitable and worthwhile programme will be drawn up appropriate to the staff available and the pupils present.
- we will ensure that the needs of children are met as effectively as possible.
- the school will endeavour to provide lunch as normal although menus could be subject to change. Nevertheless, the dietary requirements of all children will be adhered to as carefully as they are on a 'normal' day.

School Closure

If the school is closed work will be set on Class Charts for Years 1 to 13 which they should complete on their own timescale. Pupils in Reception will also be able to access Class Charts but it is likely this will be much more of a practical nature. If the school continues to be closed for additional days then lessons will move to Microsoft teams as live lessons for all year groups.



School closure during the day

Where weather conditions deteriorate during the school day and the safest option for all is an early school closure (a decision being made by the Headteacher), information will be communicated to parents as soon as possible.

Parents should endeavour to make arrangements to collect their child from school as soon as possible, but at the latest, by the time given that the school will close. Parents of Prep school children will need to sign their child(ren) out with the class teacher. Senior School pupils will be released by their Head of Year once they are satisfied that they are being collected by a family member or have had communication about other arrangements which could include a text message to the student phone from their parent that they show the Head of Year. Year groups can be collected as follows:

Year 7 & 8 from the hall (access to parents via the garden gate)

Year 9 via Fire exit door in DT room (access to parents via the garden gate)

Year 10 via rooms 22 and 23 fire exit doors (access to parents via the garden gate)

Year 11 from the LRC (access to parents via the main reception)

Where disruption to the school day occurs across a lunchtime, children who are in school will have lunch as normal.

Parents of children who use the School Bus Service will receive a text message updating them with respect to any changes to their child's bus route.

Please be aware that visiting music teacher and LAMDA lessons may be affected.

It is inevitable that disruption through snow and possible school closure causes difficulties for everyone, but we hope all parents will bear with us as we facilitate the safe departure of pupils from the school.

We thank you in advance, for your co-operation.