



Clifton High School

co-educational nursery pre-school to sixth form

Policy applies from EYFS to Sixth Form	Extreme Weather
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A shaded area denotes a regulation to which all schools must comply	

Clifton High School is committed to child protection and safeguarding children and young people and expects all staff, visitors and volunteers to share this commitment.

Related Policies

Attendance

It is always the intention to keep Clifton High School open during term time. Parents and pupils should assume this is the case unless otherwise informed via the School website or local radio. Clifton High School does not, however, want to put the safety of pupils, parents and staff at risk and so should extreme weather make it dangerous to travel or be on the School site, then the School will be closed. For the purposes of this policy, 'Extreme Weather' refers to weather circumstances which could include, snow or ice, floods or extreme wind.

Extreme weather before School opens in the morning

Should extreme weather during the night or over the weekend cause Clifton High School to close, then prompt, timely information will be provided as follows

- Update on the School website by 6.30am
- Through Heart FM and BBC local radio

The most important factor is that everyone stays safe and does not take risks in trying to get to School.

If any pupil is unable to attend and the School is open, the School Office must be emailed on schooloffice@cliftonhigh.co.uk, as per the normal absence procedure.

Should weather conditions deteriorate during the school day

Should weather conditions deteriorate during the school day, an announcement to close the School will be put on the School website and parents will be informed by email what time the School will close and the provision available for after school care.

Support for parents working in vital services

Should the School be closed for normal lessons, a small number of staff will be available to provide supervision and care for pupils from across the School whose parents, by the nature of their occupation provide a service vital to the well-being of individuals in the community; for example doctors, nurses and members of the emergency services. Parents will be asked to inform the School by email at their earliest convenience if they will be using this facility.

Changes to the normal timetable

In the event of a major decrease in numbers of staff or pupils in School on an Extreme Weather Day, pupil classes may need to be collapsed or altered in some or all sections of the School. The content of such lessons may differ from the schemes of work and the timing or timetabling of these lessons may differ from pupils' usual timetables. Where this is the case, pupils absent from School are not expected to catch up on any work missed. In most instances, there will be no extra-curricular activities or fixtures on Extreme Weather Days.

Lunch arrangements

It is the intention that lunch will be served on Extreme Weather Days, lunch arrangements will be included on the website message. The food on offer may need to vary from the advertised menu due to limited deliveries and availability of the catering staff and the timing of lunch may also differ from normal.

Behaviour and Conduct

Pupils are to follow the normal school rules on Extreme Weather Days, please refer to the Contract of Behaviour Code and School Rules which can be found on the School website. This includes the rule that mobile phones can only be used with staff permission for educational purposes, using the School Wi-Fi. Phones used without permission will be confiscated until the end of the school day. The usual uniform regulations apply too; the only exception to this is that pupils can wear more suitable footwear if there is excessive snow or ice on the ground.

Pupils leaving School during the day

As with normal school days, pupils may only leave the school site, to be picked up or make their own journey home, with parental permission. Please refer to the Attendance Policy which can be found on the School website. Permission of this kind needs to be emailed to schooloffice@cliftonhigh.co.uk. Under no circumstances may senior pupils contact their parents directly to request that they go home. All pupils who have been given parental permission to leave must sign out using the allocated register in the School Office as usual.

Sixth Form Students Driving to School

Sixth Form students who drive themselves to school are encouraged to make alternative transport arrangements on Extreme Weather Days.

Absence on Extreme Weather days

Pupil absence on Extreme Weather Days will be recorded as authorised absence.