

## **ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CASE OF EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Dame Allan's will open as normal whatever the weather, unless the conditions on site deteriorate to the extent that they are deemed unsafe, or we are advised by the police or other authorities that staying open would pose a significant risk.

We recognise that parents will make their own decision as to whether or not it is safe for their child to travel to school. Should parents deem it unsafe for their child to travel to school, they should let the Schools know of their child's absence. Those parents who make use of school organised bus services (Routes 1, 2A, 2B, SHS 1 and Central Station) may contact the companies directly for information about the progress of these services in bad weather (route 1 – Bell's Coaches (01661 886207); all others – JH Coaches (0191 410 4107). We shall also publish any available information about bus services on the Schools' social media channels (Facebook and Twitter).

Should a decision be taken to close the Schools, notice of closure will be posted on our website: [www.dameallans.co.uk](http://www.dameallans.co.uk) and announced on our Facebook and Twitter feeds. We will also send a text message notifying you of the closure.

Should the weather situation deteriorate to a point where the Schools are obliged to close early to allow pupils to travel home safely, we will notify you by text message. NB We will not announce such a closure to pupils before sending such messages to you as parents: in the unlikely event of your being contacted directly by your child to tell you that the Schools are closed, please do check with us first!

If the Schools are forced to close, staff will remain on site until arrangements are in place for all pupils to get home. No child in the Junior School will be allowed to leave until collected by a person known to the Schools. No child in Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9) will be allowed to leave school unaccompanied before contact has been made with parents to ensure that they will be able to be cared for or gain access to their home before setting off from school.

Should the Schools close for an extended period of time, work will be provided for pupils through Google Classroom for Years 1 to 13 and Tapestry for Early Years.