

December 2022

School closure in case of inclement weather

Dear Parents and carers,

As the winter approaches, it is necessary to consider that there may be a time when the school is unable to open due to inclement weather. Should weather conditions overnight be considered so severe that the decision to close the school is made the following procedures will apply.

In the event of school closure, a notice will be published on the school website www.qmhs.org.uk and shared with parents via the ParentMail app. A message will also be sent out via Twitter (@QMHSOFFICIAL). We will aim to do this by 7.30am.

Should weather conditions change during the school day, we will make every effort to stay open until 3.40pm but must balance this against the safety of staff and students. We may consider it necessary to send students home early to ensure their safety. We will make parents aware via a message through ParentMail. It would be helpful if you could ensure that you have discussed and made contingency arrangements for getting your child home in the case of early closure. It is vital that pupils fully understand what they are to do in these circumstances.

Students in Years 7—11 will be sent home from school according to the instructions given on the 'pupil information sheet' which is updated annually. Our instructions will generally be that if your child is travelling home by public transport they should leave immediately. If they expect to be collected by car they should wait in Richardson Hall until someone arrives. Those who travel on the Green Bus should have an alternative arrangement for getting home as in such conditions it may not be possible for the bus to get to school.

There will be no lesson provision on the first day of closure due to inclement weather. Should the closure be extended to more than one day we request that students follow their usual in school timetable and access remote learning resources from their virtual classroom area. In the Spring Term, we will use Google for this.

Please note that we do not close the school unless conditions are extremely poor, and that either travelling to, or movement around our site would be unsafe. Every effort should be made to ensure that your child attends school if we are open.

Best wishes,



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