

Woodbridge School Snow

Policy statement

This policy applies to Woodbridge School which includes the Senior School, the Abbey, and Queen's House and is in place to ensure that the School minimises the risk to pupils in adverse weather conditions.

Procedure

In the event of bad weather (normally always snow) the School will stay open, though depending on the severity of conditions, some activities and services may be restricted.

Parents should make a judgment as to whether they feel it is safe for their child/children to come to school and return home at 1610. For example, it might well be that those living some distance away, just off the A12, will find the journey safe, but those living just two or three miles away on a farm might find access difficult. The judgment is left entirely to parents.

Parents are asked to ensure that they follow the procedure whereby they ring the appropriate School Office as soon as they can in the morning if a pupil is going to be absent. If such calls have not been received, then we will assume that pupils are in transit. Pupils should follow the normal procedures if they arrive late.

Those travelling by coach should assume that the coaches will come into School and return at the normal time unless parents are contacted. As snow tends to come during the night, and sometimes unexpectedly, it might well be that the coach companies have not been in a position to inform the School about any delays or cancellations before it is time for pupils to leave home. In that case it seems sensible that the judgment should be that pupils should stay at home.

Once pupils are at School, they will follow a normal curriculum as far as staff presence allows, and certainly no parent should make the decision to keep a child at home in the belief that lessons will not take place.

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