

	Adverse Weather	
	Last reviewed: May 2021	Next review: May 2022
	Linked Governor: Peter Shell	SLT Member: James Shapland

Ashlyns School's Adverse Weather Policy outlines procedures regarding school closure.

Ashlyns is committed to minimising disruption to our students' education. The decision to close the school for any reason is not taken lightly and will only be considered as a last resort. The Headteacher will endeavour to open the school providing it is regarded as safe to do so following Health and Safety Guidelines.

The Headteacher will decide if the school can be opened and will endeavour to inform parents and staff at the earliest opportunity if the school is to be closed. The school will make all efforts to contact parents, carers and staff via the school website, group text messaging/email system, Everbridge Schools Closure Notification System and the local radio stations, where appropriate. Updates regarding closure should be checked throughout the day or evening.

It may be deemed that the School will only be opened to specific Year groups, operate on a reduced day, change start and finish times or modify the timetable. Staff will make every effort to teach as effectively as possible in these circumstances. If the school is closed, staff will endeavour to teach and or set work through Google Classroom. If work is not posted then students will be expected to review their work or revise.

Should conditions deteriorate during the day, we will make every effort to contact parents as soon as possible regarding changes to the school day and travel arrangements.

Parents, students and staff should always make the decision with regards to travelling safely to school in adverse weather conditions on the basis of their own safety in travelling to and from Ashlyns. Please consider the possibility of weather worsening during the day when making your decision. Ensure appropriate coats and footwear are worn for the conditions; however the school dress code still applies unless otherwise advised.