



HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

This policy applies to Hereford Cathedral Junior School as a whole (to the Nursery, Pre-Prep and Years 3-6) and the Senior School.

In the event of extreme weather such as snow, flooding, a heatwave etc, the School will take advice, where appropriate, from the relevant authorities. Wherever possible, the School will remain open, although it cannot guarantee to run lessons and activities as normal. Members of the Senior Leadership Team and other available members of staff who live locally will supervise children, and hot food will usually be available.

Hereford Cathedral School has a wide catchment area and it is acknowledged that whilst conditions in Hereford may be fine, this may not apply to other parts of the School's catchment area. No pupil, member of staff or any other employee of the School is expected to travel to school in poor conditions if doing so puts them or others at risk. If it is necessary to operate the Extreme Weather Policy, the following message will be placed on the School's website and all parents will receive an email (and/or text):

Owing to poor weather conditions Hereford Cathedral School is operating under its Extreme Weather Policy. The School will be open, but parents, guardians and staff are reminded that no one is expected to travel to school in poor conditions if doing so puts them or others at risk. Please see the website for further details.

Exceptionally, there may still be times when the School has to close completely and this will also be communicated to all parents and guardians via text and email messages, as well as being publicised on the School's website (please remember to press "refresh" if you are accessing the website over a period of time as this will allow access to updated information). Where appropriate, the School will also inform local radio stations of the decision to close.

Should the School have to close during the day, this will be communicated to parents and guardians via email and text communications. Facilities at the School will remain open for those pupils who cannot return home until their parents arrive. Appropriate arrangements would be made for all boarders at Wilmot House.

Parents must ensure that the School possesses full and accurate up to date information of all contact details (home, work, mobile numbers and email addresses). Parents can provide this updated information via My School Portal > Account Settings > Personal Details of My School Portal, or via email to:

- Senior School schoolsec@herefordcs.com
- Junior School enquiry@herefordcs.com