



Fazakerley High School



Extreme Weather Policy

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Fazakerley High School is committed to opening in all circumstances; it is very unlikely that we will ever have to close. Parents and students should assume the School remains open unless they hear otherwise.

However in the event of severe weather conditions i.e. very heavy snow, severe winds, damage to buildings and premises the School considers the safety and wellbeing of its students and staff with the utmost importance and any decision to close the School will be taken after the following have been considered:

- Are the buildings and premises safe for pupils and staff?
- Are there/will there be enough staff members to be able to provide a safe educational environment?
- Can the School provide lunch for all students?
- Are the School grounds clear of snow/ice to be safe for access?
- Can the School be heated to legally required temperatures?
- Does the building have enough lighting and hot water?

The School will also take into account local and national weather forecasts and may base our decision to close (or remain closed during a prolonged snowy spell) on these.

Snowfall overnight

If there is heavy snowfall overnight the School Management Team will need to decide whether it is safe to open the school. We will do everything possible to make our decision by 7:00 a.m.

If we decide to open we will:

- Contact Radio City and Radio Merseyside who will broadcast the closure on air
- Record a telephone message on the School's main number 0151-524-4530
- Update the School's website www.fazakerleyhigh.org
- Text message as many parents as possible via the School text and email communication.

Snowfall during the school day

If there is extreme weather which would prevent the normal working of the School, a decision will be taken and students will be sent home at the most timely and appropriate time and a text message will be sent to as many parents as possible.

Exams

The School will implement emergency contingency plans for staffing exams and students should always turn up to sit their exams as normal.

Grounds Safety

In the event of heavy snow or ice the site staff will try to ensure a clear pathway into the School Site and grit the cleared path as per the gritting plan.

Planning Ahead

Please have the School phone number with you (0151-524-4530) if you normally pick your child up and are going to be late. Inform us and we will inform them.