



# Rednock School

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Proposed Policy:	Snow   Extreme Weather Emergency Closure	Responsibility Of:	SLT
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## SNOW | EXTREME WEATHER POLICY - EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURE

### Policy Rationale

In the event of adverse weather conditions, it is School Policy to make every effort to remain open where possible. We are fully aware that closure can disrupt teaching and learning and create additional challenges for students and staff as well as inconveniencing students, parents and carers. However, the safety of our students and staff remains essential. The decision to close the School will consider a number of factors as follows:

1. Conditions on site are considered to be too dangerous for safety (this will also include heating and utility factors caused by adverse weather);
2. Conditions are considered to be too dangerous for safe travel or are likely to worsen if the School is already open;
3. Advice and recommendations received from other agencies, including Gloucestershire County Council, local police and emergency services, transport organisations;
4. Insufficient staff able to travel in to keep the School operating safely or to cover lessons for absent colleagues.

The decision will be made as early as possible or by 7.30am at the latest by the Head Teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team in his absence and will be communicated via the following channels:

- Gloucestershire County Council website – <http://www.glosclosedschools.com>
- Rednock School Website – [www.rednockschool.org.uk](http://www.rednockschool.org.uk)
- Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/rednockschool.org.uk>
- Twitter: @rednock\_school
- BBC Radio Gloucester – 104.7FM
- Heart Radio Station – 102.4FM
- Text / Email / My Ed App Alerts
- Automated message on the School's telephone system (T: 01453 543618, Option 7)

### Examinations

The school will make every attempt to open for any public examinations.

### Re-Opening

Parents should continue to check the school website for information about re-opening. The school may need to re-open in stages (e.g. Years 10 and 11 for the first day) while we continue to make the site accessible for larger numbers of students.