HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL
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SNOW & BAD WEATHER GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS & CARERS

In cases of snow and bad weather Hampstead School **will always endeavour to remain open.**

All students are expected get to school as long as it is safe to do so. As a **last resort**, and **only** if there are **severe** public transport difficulties, will we close the school. Any closure will be posted on the school website **(**www.hampsteadschool.org.uk **)** by 0800.

We will also send a MyEd app message to parents/carers. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date mobile number.

If your child has already left home before a closure notice, then advise them to return. Obviously, please remind them to be conscious of their personal safety at all times.

If the weather deteriorates seriously during the day:

If snow starts falling heavily during the day or the weather deteriorates, **please do not contact the school.** If we decide to close the school, we shall let you know via the MyEd app and our website, updated throughout the day. Please continue to refresh your browser as this will be the only way in which we shall inform you that we are sending your child home early.

- A decision to close the school and send students home early is a last resort **only in extreme cases**.
  This decision will be made by the Head.
  It may be at very short notice.
- We will tell students if we know of any changes to public transport so that they can decide the best way to get home.
- School will be kept open with staff on hand until all students have safely left the site.
- It is **not** possible for students to be given lifts or to be accompanied by staff.

How parents can help:

- **Insist that your child attends school as normal unless we are closed.**
- Check the school's website, the MyEd app for Hampstead School, and make sure the school has up-to-date emergency contact and mobile numbers and e-mail addresses.
- Plan ahead with your child about what to do if they are sent home because of school closure.
- Please do not call the school unless it is absolutely essential.