



# Bishop Hedley Catholic High School



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we enter the winter months I would like to remind you of the following recommendations regarding the school opening during cases of inclement weather.

- a) If any medium-heavy snowfall has taken place, please access the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council website to view school closure information. The Bishop Hedley High School Facebook and Twitter accounts will also be updated on a regular basis. If you are in doubt, keep your son/daughter at home until you are certain the school is open.
- b) If conditions are snowy and the weather forecast is one which states that conditions are likely to deteriorate through the day it may also be best to keep your son/daughter at home.
- c) Please make sure that your son/daughter has a house key in his/her possession and therefore always has access to the home. Once pupils are in school we will do everything possible to keep them here. There have been occasions, however, when falls of snow have occurred once the pupils are at school and we find ourselves with the difficult decision to make as to whether it would be most sensible to contact the bus companies, parents etc and get pupils home while conditions allow it, or to retain pupils in school until the end of the school day with the uncertainty of getting pupils home if conditions do, in fact, get worse.

This is always a difficult decision to make because conditions may or may not deteriorate. After discussing the matter with the Governing Body we have decided that an early decision based on known weather information is taken, to err on the side of caution, and ensure all pupils are as safe as we can make them. When we are in doubt about how the weather will turn out we may, therefore, decide to arrange for school to close early and for pupils to be transported as necessary.

I thank you for taking the time to read this memorandum. To summarise I would say that if you are in doubt about the weather in times of snow and it looks as if the weather conditions may pose problems later on in the day then keep your son/daughter at home. At all other times send them to school.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs S J Hopkins  
Headteacher

