

INSPIRE – ENABLE - ACHIEVE



The Vale Federation School Closure Due To Inclement Weather Policy

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School Closure Policy due to Inclement Weather

Occasionally, particularly during the winter, we may have to close the school because of inclement weather or dangerous road conditions.

The decision to close the school is not made lightly and is arrived at only after consulting with weather forecasting service, the local authority and transport services. Factors taken into account when making the decision are current weather and road conditions, weather and road condition forecasts and, most importantly, the safety of children travelling into school by various modes of transport. Weather conditions can vary greatly in different parts of the county and can change dramatically within a few hours. This increases the difficulty in making the best decision for our pupils/students and their families.

The decision to cancel school is normally made by 7:30 a.m. (or as soon as is possible). When that decision is made, the local authority is notified and the information is posted on the Buckinghamshire Council website (www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/) and our websites www.valefederation.com. We also send texts to parents and staff. Once we have submitted this information on-line this will automatically notify local radio stations, officers within the Local Authority Communications Team and Passenger transport and will be posted on the council's website for the benefit of parents and staff. This is by far the most effective way of ensuring that details of the closure are circulated quickly.

If the school is open but you feel the weather conditions are such that you do not wish to risk your child on transport, the decision is for you to make as to whether to keep your child home for the day or send to school. We would ask that you telephone the school to notify us of your decision.