

Adverse Weather Arrangements

The school will make every attempt to remain open for all students during normal term time. In times of severe weather or other emergency, the health, wellbeing and safety of students, staff and other users of the school building are of prime concern. These factors are taken into consideration when deciding to close the school for some or all year groups. If severe weather has, or is likely to seriously disrupt normal transport to school or make it impossible for the school to open due to a lack of staff, please use the following procedure:

- The school website (www.rainhammark.com) will contain full details of all arrangements on the front page. **This is the most reliable way of finding out what is happening in detail.** The website will be updated regularly during the period of disruption, so please check it for new information. At times of peak use the website may be momentarily unavailable- please just try again if this occurs. We aim for any closure information to be online **between 6.30-7.00am**
- **Radio Broadcasts** may also issue news and weather bulletins. Please do not telephone local radio for advice, but listen to appropriate broadcasts. Announcements will be made on three local radio stations: **BBC Radio Kent, KMFM, and Heart FM.** There will be limited details from the radio stations but they will state if the school is closed.

Students will be expected to check online, if they are able, using the school's Virtual Learning Environment ("Moodle"), to see if there is any work they should be carrying out whilst the school is closed. Details for how to do so are on the school website under "Adverse Weather Arrangements".

Advice to parents

I also recognise that parents have a key role to play in the event of severe weather. If you have significant concerns about your children travelling between home and school, we would ask you to inform the school as soon as possible in the event that you decide to keep your child at home.

Should severe weather be forecast to start during the school day, we will follow the advice of the transport authorities and ensure that everything possible is done to ensure students get home safely. I would ask parents not to contact their children independently at school on mobile telephones in such an eventuality as this can create a situation which is very difficult to manage effectively.

Yours sincerely

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