



Rida Girls
High School

SNOW AND BAD WEATHER POLICY

It is the policy of our school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible. The decision to close the school due to bad weather - either before or during the school day will be made by the Head Teacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on site are dangerous.
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel.

Closure due to adverse weather will be posted on the school website and Class Dojo.

The school will make all practical efforts to keep parents informed as to the situation with the school during adverse weather conditions, as we appreciate that such conditions and the uncertainty can place difficulties upon parents. However, parents are expected to check Class Dojo when there is a possibility of a closure.

It is understandable that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way if likely to be delayed. The school recognises there may be isolated instances where families are cut off, even where the clear majority of children can get into school. In such instances, parents should inform the school of the circumstances, as the school has a duty to clarify the circumstances of each case, so as to be able to formally authorise the absence to the Local Authority.

Parents acting on the assumption that the school would be closed without gaining confirmation, or failing to inform the school of the circumstances that prevents the child coming into school, risk their child being registered as an unauthorised absence.

Where the school is officially closed, all absences will be marked as authorised absence. In the event of the school having to close during the day, due to unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted by phone and asked to collect their child. Such release will only be contemplated in very extreme circumstances.