

Severe Weather Policy



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School Closure in the Event of Adverse Weather

- School will operate normally wherever possible and only resort to closure or early closure in exceptional circumstances.
- The Director of Education may decide in the interests of public safety that all Local Authority (LA) controlled schools in the city must close. This will only happen if actual or forecast weather conditions are very severe.

General closure guidance:

City of Wolverhampton Council staff will:

- Display a warning message on the homepage of the Wolverhampton CloudW Portal.
- Inform schools by email if the decision is made before 3pm on the preceding day.
- Post information on the "Wolverhampton Today – School Closures" Facebook page and the City of Wolverhampton Council's Twitter feed. This is the agreed method for informing the local radio stations of any closures.
- Information will be posted on the City of Wolverhampton Council's Website.

If there is no definite announcement about Wolverhampton schools by 7:30am, it can be assumed that there has not been a general closure.

- Even if there is no general closure, the Headteacher may decide, in light of local circumstances, to close the school. The health and safety of the pupils is the main consideration in any such decision.

If it is necessary to close the school every effort will be made to inform parents/carers and other agencies of the closure in time to prevent them commencing their journeys to school. The best course of action will depend on the timing of the closure decision, but the school will:

- Place a message on the school Facebook page
- Notify the Local Authority of the closure so they can inform the local radio stations.