



CROMWELL HIGH SCHOOL

Bad Weather Warning

Very Important- please read

When we note that BBC weather has issued a warning you will receive the following letter:

Yellow warning of snow- this means “be aware”

From:

0005 on Fri 13 January (example here)

To: **A copy of the information from BBC Weather**

2355 on Fri 13 January

Updated 11 January at 10:41

Further showers of snow, sleet and hail will continue across parts of the UK. 2 to 4 cm of snow may affect some lowland areas, while high ground may see locally 5 to 10 cm.

Disruption to transport networks seems likely either due to snow or ice. Additionally, northwesterly gales and large waves will affect some eastern coastal areas, perhaps leading to local over-topping.

Cromwell Procedures for Bad Weather:

black text= all pupils, blue text = pupils on LA transport, green text= pupils transported by parents, red text = extremely important for all.

Morning Transport

If the weather is severe, transport may be unable to operate for health and safety reasons- if in doubt:

- if you are on LA transport- please contact the contractor directly:
- if you bring your child to school -it is up to each responsible adult to assess the risk of travelling to school. If you believe the risk to be too high, please phone school and we will record the pupil/s' absence as due to snow. If in doubt about school closure, please check the school's website and/or twitter feed before travelling.

Unavoidable School Closure

Whilst we will do our utmost to keep school open, it may be necessary to close in the event that:

- we are unable to make the site safe
- it is not safe to travel in the immediate vicinity to school (public transport on Yew Tree Lane is cancelled).
- there are likely to be insufficient staff able to safely travel into school.

The last 2 reasons will be based on whether buses can run on the major routes in the area of school.

If school is to be closed from the beginning of the day we will try to send a text to parents at least one hour before school starts and the website will have the same message on its home page. *Note: If conditions deteriorate significantly within the hour before school starts, the decision to close school may occur later than an hour before school begins.* This is because we will not close unless absolutely necessary!

Please make sure that school has your up-to-date phone numbers. If in doubt about closure, please check the school website home page/twitter feed. We will **not** text to confirm that we are open- only when necessary to close.

Deteriorating weather through the day- Early Closure

If it appears safe to open school in the morning but the weather deteriorates during the day, it may be necessary to close school early to ensure everyone is home before it gets worse and temperatures drop further as night falls and snow turns to ice. A text alert will be sent if this action is necessary. You should ensure that you check your texts and are contactable throughout the day.

If your child is on Local Authority Transport: You will be asked to confirm by text or phone call that you can receive your child from transport. **NB: We will not be able to put your child on transport unless you have confirmed that you will be home to receive them! If this is the case, you will then have to pick up your child yourself as the transport will have taken the other pupils home at a safer time and will not be able to return.**

If you pick up your child: you will be asked to confirm by text or phone call that you can pick up your child as soon as possible.

Please make sure that you have contingency child-care arrangements in place during times of extreme weather

Bringing your child to school yourself instead of LA transport

In the event that transport cannot operate but school is open (please check your text and the website before travelling) you may decide to bring your child to school yourself. If so you must make sure that you can also pick them up yourselves in time and that someone is available through the day in case of early closure. **Please note that you must retain responsibility for judging that it is safe to travel from your location.** If school is open it will mean that Yew Tree road to school is passable for public buses and that the grounds are safe with care. **Please be aware that it is possible for small patches of ice to remain on the school grounds even after gritting! Proceed with caution!** School cannot take any responsibility for your safety on the journey to and from our premises and we will respect your decision if you judge the journey too dangerous.

**Please ensure that school –
and LA transport, if appropriate
have up-to-date emergency numbers for emergency contact
throughout this period.**

**Together we can maintain the
highest standards of Health and
Safety for our pupils.**

Local Authority Transport tel: 0161 342 3205
Cromwell Web Site: <http://www.cromwell.tameside.sch.uk/>
Cromwell Twitter: @CromwellHS
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