

Quwwat-ul-Islam Girls' School



Adverse Weather Policy

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School Motto
Together we can achieve more
School Values
Respect. Aspiration. Responsibility
Learning Drivers
Caring for Ourselves, Our World, Our Education, Our Rights

School Vision Statement

To establish a school of excellence both **Islamically** and **Academically** - Provide a **holistic** education which is inspired by: **Taqwa**: God consciousness **morals and values** inspired by the prophet (saw) coupled with **academic excellence**.

At Quwwat-ul-Islam girls' school we adhere to the following:

- **Mutual respect and tolerance** - We respect and care for everybody.
- **Democracy**– We promote the right of every individual to have their opinions and voices heard.
- **The rule of the law** – We understand that laws and rules protect us and at the same time provide us with responsibilities, by breaking them there are consequences.

Quwwat ul Islam Girls' School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils in its care. As an employer, the school expects all staff, governors, volunteers and parents/carers to share this commitment.

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow, the main concern for the school will always be the safety of the pupils and staff. The decision whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, is at the discretion of the parents, taking into account factors such as local road conditions and the availability of childcare.

The school will aim to remain open in the event of snow as this is important for the children's education. However, there are certain factors which may lead to the school closing, such as:

- ☐ Whether there are enough members of staff to be able to provide satisfactory care/provision
- ☐ If the severity of the weather conditions is on such a scale that it is unlikely that many people will be able to make it into school
- ☐ The school is unable to provide lunch for the children
- ☐ If the school grounds are unsafe for children
- ☐ If the school has insufficient heating, lighting/hot water
- ☐ If agencies such as the police, local government and motoring organisations, advise against travel in our region

In the event of heavy snowfall, we may not be able to guarantee a normal school day. If the safest decision is to close the school, we will inform Parent/Carers via Class Dojo/email.

Likewise, in the event of a heatwave, we may not be able to guarantee a normal school day. If the safest decision is to close the school, we will inform Parent/Carers via Class Dojo/email.

If the school is closed it is the responsibility of the Head Teacher to ensure that the following events happen:

- ☐ The decision is approved with in consultation with the Chair of Trustees
- ☐ All staff are informed via email
- ☐ Notices are placed on the school notice board advising visitors, parents and pupils that the school is closed
- ☐ The school is appropriately staffed by teachers to deal with pupils who arrive unescorted until parents can collect them

These tasks do not all have to be completed by the Head teacher, although the Headteacher has the overall responsibility for ensuring each has been carried out.

Staff Attendance

Although it is recognised that severe weather conditions make it difficult for staff to get to and from work, it is expected that all staff will make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school.

It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive at school on time.

If the school is closed to children, in severe conditions, staff must make a judgement about the safety of travelling to and from school and inform the Head Teacher as soon as possible.

Staff who live within walking distance of the school must make every effort to attend. If staff cannot attend they must work from home and provide online remote learning as per school expectations. All additional time when not directly teaching must be spent completing planning, marking and preparation of teaching resources.

Clearance of Snow

The school is responsible for snow clearance within the school site and is the specific responsibility of the Site Manager. When severe weather is forecast, the Site Manager will lay salt and grit the night before and on arrival.

If heavy snow falls over the weekend, the Head teacher and Site Manager will be in regular contact to ensure the school premises are safe.

The clearance of roads and pavements is the responsibility of the Highways Department and the LA.

Children's safety in school

If there is any question of children's safety being at risk, the school has a responsibility to keep children indoors.

Prior to pupils being allowed to play outside, they will be warned by their teachers not to throw snowballs near windows or at other children, not to make slides on footpaths and to take extra care when playing in the snow.

During the summer months, students are encouraged to wear sunscreen and hats whilst playing outside. Students are encouraged to keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water regularly throughout the course of the day.

In extreme weather conditions children will be encouraged to stay inside the school building.

FAQ's

Will parents be contacted in the event of snow?

We will send out a message via School Dojo to everyone to notify them of the school closure. This Adverse Weather Policy can be found on the school website and gives clear instructions for snow days/Heatwaves.

To travel to school or not?

Parents have to decide whether it is safe for them to make the journey into school. If the school is open, and once we have established which pupils we have on site, we will construct a schedule for the day which will include, where possible, relevant academic work - and a range of activities aimed at making the day as productive as possible.

Does it matter what time we arrive at school?

We will expect children to arrive at school on time, but appreciate that this may be difficult. If late, then it is important that children sign in and register at the front office.

What will happen if heavy snow arrives during the school day?

We will try to stay open till the end of the day, however this may not always be possible. If you wish to collect your child or children from school before this time, you are welcome to do so. Anyone struggling to collect their child by the end of the school day due to poor road conditions, transport arrangements, etc., should contact the school.

Will there be after school activities?

There will be no after school activities or clubs. However, should you be delayed, please ring the school office to keep us informed. We will look after children until parents are able to get to the school, but please remember that members of staff will also be anxious to get home if the weather and road conditions are poor.