



PUTNEY  
HIGH SCHOOL

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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

# Weather Protocol

Weather Policy  
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## Weather Policy

If the school is to be closed due to bad weather, then the Adverse Weather Protocol is to be followed.

### Adverse Weather Protocol

We are committed to minimising disruption to our students' education and will always endeavour to keep the school open wherever possible. When the school is open during poor weather conditions, staff will supervise all pupils, but we cannot guarantee that everyone will experience a normal timetable, although staff will make every effort to teach as effectively as possible.

Parents should always make the decision to send their daughters to school in adverse weather conditions on the basis of their safety in travelling to and from Putney. Please consider the possibility of weather worsening during the day when making your decision.

Should conditions deteriorate during the day; the school will make every effort to contact parents as soon as possible. In such an eventuality, pupils may go home if a parent is able to arrange collection or if they have permission to make their own way home. **Please note that this should only be in response to contact from school and not to a call from your daughter.**

Where we have no alternative but to close the school, we will contact parents through SchoolPost via text or email as early as possible, aiming for 7am. As the situation progresses, we will continue to keep parents fully informed.

### School Open and Operating in Inclement Weather

Should the school be operating despite challenging weather conditions (i.e., normally due to snow or extreme cold weather) with pupils and staff in school, then the following processes should be addressed:

#### Estates Management Team

- Check heating systems and that all radiators are running effectively. Areas known to be particularly affected are the PAC, Classics rooms and Long Corridor.
- Be prepared to distribute portable room heaters.
- Measure the temperature in the rooms regularly to ensure they do not fall below 17C (or in the summer rise above 30°C).

## SLT

- Head of Senior School to decide if an area of the school is identified as too cold / hot then pupils need to be taught in another area of the school and organise pupil needs.
- Deputy Head Academic to arrange for lessons to be moved and classes to be amalgamated where necessary.
- Comms to be sent to parents, pupils, and staff as appropriate and ensure open lines of communication.
- Head of Junior School to liaise with Junior School Deputies to decide how best to maintain teaching and learning on Junior School site.

## Prevention Rather Than Cure

- Severe weather conditions should be forecast, and planned for, in advance.
- Estates Management Team should act in advance and check heating systems are working – especially what impact this will have on a Monday morning after a cold weekend.
- Comms must be sent to parents and pupils in advance to offer pragmatic advice re keeping warm / cool. Points to be addressed include, but depending on specific circumstances, will not be limited to:

## Cold Weather

- Wear warm layers underneath uniform.
- Wear warm tights or trousers.
- Pupils should bring warm coats to wear should they be needed indoors.
- Pupils should wear warm clothing on their way to school e.g., woolly hat.

## Warm Weather

- Bring plenty of water to school and ensure you are hydrated throughout the day.
- Ensure you apply sunscreen often when outside.
- Hats (or Putney caps in Junior School) should be worn to protect pupils from the sun.