

# Queen Elizabeth High School Ysgol Uwchradd Y Frenhines Elisabeth



## **Guidelines for inclement weather**

When faced with bad weather, the school will do all it can to remain open. However, no risks will be taken with pupil safety and I would like to remind you of our procedures for dealing with disruption caused by snow.

In the event that snow prevents the school from opening, we endeavour to ensure this information is communicated as quickly as possible. The decision to close the school will be communicated via the Carmarthenshire County Council website ([www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk](http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk)). If possible a text will also be sent.

Where possible, the information will be posted on the school's official Facebook page, which can be accessed through a link on the school website front page. Please do not trust other sources of social media. In some circumstances the decision is straightforward; in others the decision is difficult and has to be made on best available information at the time. A decision will be communicated by 7.30am at the latest.

The decision to close the school during the day is usually dictated by transport companies. It is often difficult to know conditions in outlying areas, which can be significantly different to those surrounding school. During inclement weather the school will not object to pupils being collected if parents wish to do so.

In the event of school closure during the day, pupils are asked to contact parents directly to inform them. Phone lines are provided for those who need them. A text will be sent home. Supervision is arranged for any pupil who is unable to make contact with parents. This process relies on trust and I would appreciate you reinforcing its importance to help ensure pupil safety. There are usually a small number of difficult cases which will be managed on an individual basis. In the event of school closure during the day, phone lines become very busy and I request that, in such circumstances, you only contact the school when it is absolutely necessary.

If transport fails to arrive on a morning of potential snow disruption our recommendation is that your child returns home. It is unlikely that public transport will run later in the day and this may compromise your child's safety.

I welcome your support to ensure the safety of the whole school community.

Pete Spencer  
Headteacher