



SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY ACADEMY

Severe Weather School Closure Arrangements 2025/26

Please note that it is only in exceptional circumstances and severe weather conditions that the school will close.

The facilities team will make every effort to prepare the site for the safe running of a school day.

Therefore, the staff should expect for and plan for the school to remain open.

Messages will be sent to staff and parents regarding the status of opening.

Information will also be available on the school website and on social media.

The status of the school will be reviewed daily.

Official Guidance

The DfE advises schools to remain open to the maximum degree possible as is consistent with Health and Safety requirements. For a school to remain open during severe weather, the following conditions need to be met:

- Sufficient staff are available to supervise the number of students likely to be present;
- An alternative curriculum can be provided;
- A reasonable temperature can be maintained in the building;
- The school site is safe, e.g. a paths gritted from the front entrance and from the car parks;
- Food can be provided;
- Running water and toilet facilities are working.

If the conditions above are met, the school should remain open.

As a number of students and staff travel to school by car or bus, the school should investigate the conditions of the roads and whether it is safe to travel on the roads.

This position should be reviewed throughout the day. The school may need to take the decision to close early to enable staff and students to travel home in safety.

School Procedure

1. Nacer Rezig to confirm the safety and status of the school site with the Annette Moses by 6:45am
2. Annette Moses to inform SLT and email all staff from 6:45am:
 - a. Jolyn Hoo to update the school website and social media
 - b. Matt Goss to email all parents
3. All staff to refer to the school website or email for updates;
4. Staff who are unable to get to work due to severe weather, need to contact Annette Moses **(07958576875)** by 7.30am at the latest. If staff have not made contact by 7.30am then it is assumed you are attempting to travel to work.

Work for Students

In the event of a full or partial closure, work should be set for students via Google Classroom and the teacher should be available to respond to questions and to support the students' learning.