

BRONTE SCHOOL



ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

(Including EYFS)

	Date	Signed
Date reviewed	September 2011	(Mr Richard Dyson - Headteacher)
Ratified by Proprietors	October 2011	(Mr Peers Carter & Mrs Susan Carter)
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Procedures used in the decision to close Bronte School in the event of adverse weather conditions.

Our aim is to avoid, as far as possible, any uncertainty and confusion in the event of possible school closure. We believe that the best way to do this is to communicate as fully as possible with our parents.

There are rare occasions when school will find it necessary to close. These are usually occasions when adverse weather means that the school site is unsafe and poses health and safety risks to the school community.

Staff who live locally, including the Head, will be in school to keep the school open if at all possible.

A decision to close the school would never be taken lightly. This would involve both the Senior Leadership Team and the Proprietors. The first consideration is always the safety of the children. In adverse weather conditions, where staff live some distance from school, the journey to school may be too hazardous for them to set out and, once here, equally hazardous for them to get home. They may also be affected by the closure of their own children's schools. Health and Safety risk assessments mean that we cannot open the school if there are insufficient staff to properly supervise the children.

In the event of adverse weather:

A decision will be made before 8.00am as to whether the school should be open or needs to be closed.

In the event of closure, the school will send text messages and e-mails via ParentMail, put a notice on the school website (www.bronteschool.co.uk) and post a message on Radio Kent.

We will always do everything in our power to avoid school closure.