



**NORTH LEAMINGTON SCHOOL**

## **Severe Weather**

# **School Closure Policy**

November 2022

### **Approval and Review**

This Policy is reviewed in discussion with staff and governors.

**Effective from:** November 2022

**Review date:** November 2025

**Review leader:** Head Teacher

## CORE PURPOSE

We are committed to keeping our students safe and giving them every opportunity to learn in a secure environment. This responsibility also extends to adults working at NLS as part of our overall aim to maintain excellence.

## Rationale

It is our policy to keep NLS open and provide the best possible learning experience. If forced to close because there is a risk to the health and safety of students and staff, we will continue to provide an excellent learning experience through our remote working/blended learning plan. Work will be set by class teachers and loaded in Go4Schools following normal timetabled lessons. Lessons will not be live streamed, as the school will also be closed to staff. Setting work in this fashion will enable students to keep up with studies, but also provide flexibility to families as to when and how this work is completed throughout the day.

## ADVICE TO PARENTS/STUDENTS

In the event of **severe weather overnight**, the decision to close the school will be made by the Head Teacher, in consultation with site management staff, as soon as possible after 6.00am.

- A Groupcall will be sent to all parents, to the phone numbers recorded on the school system and an email generated to your Go4Schools account.
- Information will immediately be posted onto the school's website: [www.northleamington.co.uk](http://www.northleamington.co.uk) and the Warwickshire school closures website: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)
- Information will also be relayed immediately to local radio stations via Warwickshire County Council:
  - Free Radio Coventry & Warwickshire 97 FM | 102.9 FM
  - BBC CWR 94.8 FM | 103.7 FM | 104 FM
- There is no need to contact the school to check whether or not we are open. Unless announced on the radio and published on websites, we are open.
- Remote/blended learning activities will be set in Go4Schools following normal timetabled lessons.-Work set will reinforce previously taught content; parents and students can make informed choices based on personal circumstances as to how this is then managed. There will be no sanctions for students if they fail to complete the work.
- In the very unlikely event, that severe weather causes a school closure for more than two consecutive school days, live streaming / blended learning would be delivered through Microsoft Teams.

If the weather **deteriorates during the day**, the decision to close the school will be made by the Head Teacher in consultation with the Senior Leadership Team, the Chair of Governors (if available) and taking the bus companies' views and availability into account. The school will only close early in extreme cases and the decision will be passed onto staff and students as soon as arrangements are in hand.

## What happens if the school closes during the day?

1. Head Teacher consults with Senior Leadership team and the Chair of Governors (if available)
2. Head Teacher will liaise with the bus companies and take their views and availability into account
3. Staff will be informed once arrangements are in place

4. Students will then be informed
5. A Groupcall text message will be sent to all parents whose mobile number is registered on the school system
6. Students will be allowed to use mobile phones or school phones to contact home once a senior member of staff has given permission. A notice will be posted on the front page of the school website
7. The Warwickshire school closures website will be informed
8. Staff will remain with students until the last student has either been collected or safely left the site

If we are informed that a bus service is running early, we will inform the relevant students and arrange for them to leave school at an appropriate time. We will put a notice on our school website and send a Groupcall to all registered parents. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to check whether buses are running/leaving early.

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School Transport

01926 412929

## **Examinations**

We will always do our best to ensure that school is open for students to sit examinations. However, there may be exceptional cases when this will not be possible. If our website states that the school is closed to all students and your child is meant to be sitting an exam, it will be rescheduled. If the school is open for examinations, but closed for all other students, separate communications with alternative arrangements will be sent to relevant families.