



Brontë House School – Policy for Adverse Weather **November 2020**

The School site will always remain open, if the site can be made safe, and will only close due to winter weather in the most extreme conditions.

However, we do not expect families to take unnecessary risks when travelling to school and particularly in respect of current Tier 3 restrictions due to Covid-19.

The School is committed to maintaining education to the best of its ability and work will be provided, if children are unable to attend school. This may mean tasks are placed on Seesaw (Tapestry for Pre-Nursery and Nursery children) or it may mean individual work packs are sent to a small group of children for whom travel is deemed unsafe. Once we gain an understanding of the numbers of families and staff affected, a decision will be made and parents notified of how to access materials. This may mean that work does not reach families until after the usual start of the School day.

Please note that we will not be using Zoom in adverse weather conditions due to staffing constraints.

The usual timetable may need to be collapsed, dependent on the numbers of staff available in school.

Adverse Weather Arriving Through the Night

Should bad weather conditions arrive overnight, School will email and send an SMS message to parents with the latest information, detailing the conditions within the school grounds. Please note, it may also include

If the School is unable to accept children due to site safety concerns, remote learning on Seesaw will take place.

Weather Conditions Deteriorating Through the School Day

Parents will be contacted by email and SMS should weather conditions deteriorate during the school day.

Parents are very welcome to collect their child during the school day if weather conditions are deteriorating in the local area.

If you wish to collect your child during the school day, please email the absence email: absence@bronte-house.co.uk or telephone to let us know an expected time of collection so that your child can be ready.

Please collect your child from the main entrance at Brontë House or Ashdown Lodge.

Notifying Absence

Please notify the School by **email** if your child will not be attending:



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absence@brontehouse.co.uk

Please do not telephone as we cannot guarantee that your call will be answered immediately.

Arrival at School during Adverse Weather Conditions

- It is important that children do not arrive at school before 7.30am.
- If the weather is severe, please do not leave your child at school until you know that there are staff available within your child's bubble who are able to supervise them. Within Ashdown, we are bound by strict child:adult ratios and parents may be asked to remain with their child until additional staff arrive. Due to Covid restrictions, this may mean waiting in cars.
- Children attending school must come with warm clothing: a coat, hat, scarf, gloves and appropriate footwear.
- If your child will be arriving later in the morning when weather conditions may be better, please email ahead using the absence email account so that lunch can be prepared for them. Children arriving late should be brought to the main doors of Brontë House and Ashdown Lodge.
- Please note that after school activities are likely to be cancelled and in adverse weather conditions it is helpful if your child can be collected as early as possible.
- Wherever possible, please continue to comply with our Covid 19 safety measures when on the school site.