



STAFFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Prep 3-11 | Senior 11-16 | Sixth Form 16-19

Severe Snow Policy

Policy Review

Date of Review	Reason for Review	Reviewer	Checked & approved	Date of approval	Next review
21.09.25	Annual review	Headmaster	SLT	21.09.25	01.09.27

In the event of disruption caused by severe snow, the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of pupils and staff.

As a matter of course, Stafford Grammar School will endeavour to remain open. There is at least one member of the Senior Leadership Team who lives within walking distance of the school and will be able to supervise any pupils arriving at the school site.

The decision as to whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, must be at the discretion of the parent, taking into account factors such as local road conditions and safety. Parents should also consider potential difficulties in getting a pupil home from school should conditions worsen and/or school mini-buses being unable to run. In reality, extreme weather conditions mean that members of staff will also be unable to get to school and so normal lessons are unlikely to take place. Parents should be aware that in extreme weather conditions, catering staff may not be able to get into school safely and so should you choose to send your child into school during extreme weather conditions, they should have a packed lunch.

For pupils who are absent due to severe weather conditions, the school has a duty to clarify the circumstances of each absent pupil and so if you take the decision not to send your child into school please contact the school as follows:

If your child is in the senior school please e-mail: office@staffordgrammar.co.uk or telephone 01785 249752.

If your child is in the Prep. School, please email reception@staffordprep.co.uk or telephone 017850251337 so that the absence can be recorded as authorised.

The school appreciates that during severe weather conditions, pupils coming into school may arrive later than normal. In such circumstances, senior pupils should sign in at the main office on arrival and Prep. pupils should sign at the Prep School.

Staff will make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school. However, personal safety remains the priority. It is appreciated that where the journey can safely be undertaken, it may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of the school day.

In the event that a member of staff or a pupil is unable to make it into school, the school will endeavour, as far as is reasonably possible, to deliver lessons remotely via Google classroom.