Endon High School - Severe Weather Plan 2026-27

We expect staff and pupils make every effort to safely reach the school when the weather is bad, but there are occasions when the school is unable to open.

During the winter months, staff and parents/carers are asked to keep up-to-date with weather warnings and to be ready to act accordingly in case of snow or other severe weather. Parents are asked to be vigilant of receiving any decisions sent by Arbor or Firefly message and also by emailed. Parents/Carers are asked to ensure that our school records are kept up to date with their email and that they can access Arbor and Firefly.

The following table outlines several scenarios 1 to 4 (4 being worst case) and actions for school and parents / carers in the event of severe weather.

	Decision	**Scenario**	**What School Will Endeavour To Do**	**What Pupils, Parents/Carers Need to Do**
1	Open as usual	Some snow or bad weather but all roads, access to school and the school site are deemed fine/safe with care.	*No official closure information will be shared.*	Pupils attend as usual, with appropriate clothing.
2	Flexible/Late opening	Main roads are passable with care, access to school and the school site deemed fine/safe with care. No further bad weather is forecast. Staff and pupils need more time to travel to school safely.	Update school website and send a Firefly or Arbor Message/email at 8-8.15am with our decision and the flexible late start time. *No official closure information will be shared.*	Check Arbor/Firefly Messages/email from 8am. Pupils take extra care with their journey but attend as usual with a flexible/late start, with appropriate clothing/footwear. Please inform school via email (please do not ring) if it is not safe for you to travel using attendance@endon.set.org
3	Flexible/Early Closing	The weather deteriorates during the school day.	Update school website and send a Firefly Message/email with our decision and the early closure notice. *No official closure information will be shared.*	All pupils will be signed out by their form tutor and will either be allowed to leave or wait in the library/E1 for your permission/collection depending on your prior consent.
4	Close the School	Access is difficult / impossible / dangerous and no sign of imminent easing in weather and/or the school site is deemed unsafe.	Update school website and send an Arbor/Firefly Message/email at 8-8.15am with our decision. Staff will set work on Firefly. *Official closure information will be shared.*	Check Arbor/Firefly Messages/email from 8am. Pupils log in to Firefly to access set work (if possible).

In the event of flexible opening, parents / carers are responsible for the supervision of their children until they have dropped them at school (or they have arrived at school), and if they still choose to keep children off, they must communicate their intentions by email (attendance@endon.set.org) as soon as possible.

Please note that whilst every attempt will be made to follow the procedures outlined above, there is nothing quite as unpredictable or changeable as the weather.

Broadly speaking, we will make every attempt to remain open and if this is not possible for whatever reason, then we endeavour to communicate our intentions as quickly as is practicable (this includes having to close when the weather has deteriorated during the course of a school day.)

The safety and welfare of the entire school community will be central to any decisions made.

If the school is closed and the pupils have been directed to stay at home lessons will be set on Firefly, and possibly Showbie, for the pupils to complete.

If the school is in the process of closing, and staff and pupils are likely travelling, please be mindful that lessons may not be set until later in the day.

If the school is closed for an extended period then lessons will continue to be set on Firefly, and Showbie, for the pupils to complete. In the event of this extended closure, distance learning, using MS teams, may also be used to support learning at home. If this is the situation, more details will be shared with pupils and parents/carers about how lesson will be undertaken. All pupils and staff now have access to iPads, Firefly, Showbie and MS Teams.