

## Severe weather protocol

Whilst we will always make every effort to remain open during periods of severe weather, we have the following formal protocol in place:

In the case of severe weather, you should consult the home page of the website regularly to check the status of the school ([www.oakwoodschool.org.uk](http://www.oakwoodschool.org.uk)). If you do not have access to the internet at home, please ask someone else within school to advise you. The following alert system will be used:

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| <b>RED</b> alert   | The school is closed. Please consult the website the following morning for an update of the situation.  |
| <b>AMBER</b> alert | There is currently insufficient information about the state of the roads, the situation with public transport and the difficulties of staff getting in. Please consult the website later for a further update. A staggered arrival & collection system will be in place and clubs may be cancelled. Please follow the <u>general safety guidelines</u> below. |
| <b>GREEN</b> alert | The school is open as usual and children should attend at the normal times.   |

Additional notes on the above alerts:

We will always endeavour to update the website by around 7am each morning. However in the case of an amber alert, a clear statement about the status of the school will be given by approximately 8am at the latest. Parents are reassured that getting to school late whilst these alerts are in place will not be a problem. If there is still an amber alert in place then arrival can be between 8.30 & 9.30am and collection between 2 & 3.30pm. **Parents are asked not to phone the school to report an absence because of a severe weather situation, but to let your child's class teacher know upon your return. There is also no need to email the school with details about your child's absence.** Before and after school clubs may be cancelled, so please keep checking the website for further information.

General safety guidelines:

If the school is open we will do everything we can to ensure safe access to the building, however parents are reminded to take all the necessary precautions for ensuring their children's safe journey to school. It may not be possible to park safely in the side roads and so parents are encouraged to either use public transport or to park safely and consider walking part of the way. Please note that the school car park will not be open for drop offs, including those attending the Early Birds Club if it is running. The school track suit, cagoule and fleece can all be worn alongside the normal uniform and wellington boots may be used if you have some distance to walk.