



## **EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS POLICY**

This policy applies in the event of extreme weather conditions such as heavy snow fall, flooding, severe gales etc that results in major transport disruptions, the availability of public transport or prevents safe travelling.

Ruskin High School will aim to remain open at times of extreme weather so long as it is safe to do so.

If weather conditions are extreme and unsafe the school will close.

- If the decision is made to close before the beginning of the school day then a notice to this effect will be communicated via local radio, the school web site, Twitter and Insight, as soon as is practically possible. We aim to achieve this by 8am.
- Should the weather deteriorate during the day and it becomes necessary to close early then the school will communicate this via local radio, the school web site, Twitter and Insight.
- Students will only be allowed to leave the site once permission has been given and it is safe for them to leave.
- If we are unable to gain permission, students will remain in school supervised until permission is obtained.

Formal Public examinations would go ahead and students sitting exams should attend.

We ask parents to remember that weather conditions can be extremely localised. There are times when conditions at home are good while those at school are poor and visa versa. Parents must make their own decision about school attendance should the school be open but conditions at home be dangerous.