Handsworth Wood Girls’ Academy

School Closure Policy (in the event of snow or severe weather, or other conditions necessitating a school closure)

February 2017
In the event of disruption due to severe weather conditions, or other events, for example the boiler breaking down, the school must always consider the safety of its pupils, staff and visitors. With this in mind Handsworth Wood Girls’ Academy’s primary responsibility is to ensure the school remains open, wherever possible, to avoid disruption to the outstanding education that pupils receive.

Any decision taken to close the school will be made as quickly as possible by the Headteacher, taking into consideration the safety and accessibility of ground conditions of the school site, and if the school is sufficiently heated and able to provide a school meal for pupils. Wherever possible the school will remain open at all times.

In the event of Handsworth Wood Girls’ Academy having to close, or partially close, families will be notified in the following ways:

- by text message – parents should ensure the school has up to date mobile telephone numbers and contact details for nominated family members
- details will be posted on the school website as soon as possible [http://www.hwga.org.uk](http://www.hwga.org.uk)
- details will be posted on Handsworth Wood Girls’ Academy Twitter @hwgacademy
- details will be posted on Handsworth Wood Girls’ Academy Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/hwgacademy/](https://www.facebook.com/hwgacademy/)
- details will also be posted on the Local Authority’s website [http://www.birmingham.gov.uk](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk)
- the following local radio stations will be informed – BBC Radio West Midlands 95.6FM, Heart FM 100.7FM, Free Radio Birmingham 96.4FM

If severe weather should develop during the day, the school will aim to remain open until the end of the school day (3.20pm or 2.20pm on Wednesday). However if this is not possible parents will be contacted by text message or telephone and asked to collect their children, or give verbal permission for their children to make their own way home, as soon as possible.

Policy signed off by: (Chair of Governors)
Date:
Review date for school policy:
Person responsible for policy: