

DCGS Snow procedures

As we approach the winter season recently it seems timely to remind parents of our procedures for closure in the event of snow. Naturally, we make every effort to keep the school open, although sometimes the condition of the site and the availability of staff make it impossible to operate safely.

All communication takes place via the school website, so **please do not telephone the school**; we are likely to be working with a skeleton staff first thing in the morning. Status updates will also be posted on Twitter (@ChallonersHead and @ChallonersGS).

There are three status categories – RED (school closed), AMBER, and GREEN (school open and operating entirely normally). If the status is AMBER, details of the amendments to normal arrangements will be posted on the website. These can vary depending on the exact circumstances but can include:

- A later start, usually 09.35, to allow students and staff more time to travel safely.
- Alterations to bus routes and times to enable transport to continue operating.
- Partial closure with only some year groups attending (in situations where we cannot marshal enough staff for a full timetable)

A RED or AMBER status notice will be posted on the front page of the website by 7.00am. Please note that we will only post a GREEN notice the day after a closure or partial closure in order to confirm that the RED or AMBER status has been cleared.

Please remind your son/daughter that if a bus should break down, they must remain on the bus and follow the instructions from the driver and not attempt to walk home. A replacement vehicle will always be sent, although this can take some time.

During AMBER status due to snow, students are permitted to wear **walking boots** (not trainers). Please also ensure that they bring a **coat** to school.

Learning activities will be available via Google Classroom from the second day of any closure period.

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