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#### HAILEYBURY TURNFORD

### SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER – FROM NOVEMBER 2020

To keep up-to-date with the latest announcements staff, parents/carers and students should check:

- Haileybury Turnford website www.haileyburyturnford.com
- Text messages from the school
- Official Haileybury Turnford social media feeds (Facebook and Twitter)
- Email accounts (staff and sixth formers)
- Herts school closure website
   https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/emergency-school-closures/emergency-school-closures.aspx

During any periods of severe weather this winter, our website will state one of two things by 7.30am at the very latest:

- School open as normal (following current COVID-19 protective measures)
- School closed

We will aim to put this message on our website as early as possible, or the previous evening depending on the severity of the weather conditions.

If the school is closed, public examinations will still take place for students that are able to travel to Haileybury Turnford. Morning examinations will start at 9.30am (instead of 9.00am) and afternoon examinations will run at their published times. Any exceptions to this would be clearly communicated via the school website.

In the event of worsening weather conditions during the school day necessitating closure, we will give as much notice as possible and communicate this decision by the modes of communication listed above. Any students in Years 7-11 that have problems getting home should remain in the learning zone. Any Sixth Form students that have problems getting home should remain in the Sixth Form Centre. The senior leadership team will work together to ensure that these students get home safely. We will not allow students to leave the site unless we are confident that parents/carers are aware and approve of arrangements.

Staff must sign out using the normal procedures at Reception or in the Music/Dance Building on departure.

### **Further information: School Closure**

The decision to close Haileybury Turnford rests with the Principal and the senior leadership team. The school will only be closed as a last resort e.g. travelling becoming hazardous, or if the site is not safe for students and staff.

If school is closed, students should ensure all work set on Class Charts has been completed.

Depending on the nature of the severe weather and length of school closure, a decision will be made as to whether further work will be set via Class Charts and/or whether "live lessons" via Microsoft Teams will take place for students.





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If the school is closed, public examinations will still take place for students that are able to travel to Haileybury Turnford.

Internal examinations will be re-scheduled for when school is open again.

Once a decision has been made to re-open after a closure period due to severe weather, this information will be given using the communication methods listed above.

