

Severe Weather Plan

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow or adverse weather, the prime concern of the College must always be to ensure the safety of our students and staff. The decision to close the College will take account of the safety of all our student , staff and visitors, some of whom travel a distance to College each day. We will always endeavour to open the College in the event of bad weather, if it is safe to do so.

College Attendance

If the College is open in snow or adverse weather the decision as to whether or not to send students to College, however, must be at the discretion of the parent/carer, taking into account factors such as local road conditions and the availability of childcare.

If your child comes to College on a bus SCC will contact you directly by text to let you know if the school bus service has been cancelled. This may be independent of whether the College is closed. There will also be a notification on the SCC website and the Frome College website.

Communication with Parents/Carers

In the event of bad weather, parents/carers should check to see if the College is open before travelling to the site. There are a number of ways to confirm whether the College is open or closed. The College will send out a communication to parents via text, social media and/ or email and our website at www.fromecollege.org

Notification of a College closure will also be communicated via BBC Somerset Radio FM 95.5. Information on school closures can also be found here <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/school-closures/>

Please do not email or call the school office.

College closure during normal working hours

If the College does open, but extreme weather develops during the day, we will aim to remain open until the end of the normal College day. However, this is not always possible when roads are becoming treacherous. In these extreme circumstances, parents will be contacted via email, social media and the website. It is important that parents/carers do not attempt to make contact with the College before any decision has been made about closure and wait for a communication to be sent out. This is to ensure that phone lines are kept open for us to liaise with other schools and agencies.

Any student who is unable to go home during the College day will assemble in groups under the supervision of authorised members of staff.

Student Work

It would be impracticable to teach virtually however students will be set work to complete at home in the event of a closure. Work can be accessed on FROG and must be completed within the deadlines applied by the teachers.