

9 January 2017

Dear parent/carer

In rare and very exceptional circumstances such as a sudden deterioration in weather conditions, we may need to release your child early during the Academy day in order to ensure their safe return home.

As agreed by parents, as part of the Parent Forum meetings, the Academy should be in line with other schools in the area who, in the event of such unusual circumstances, release children without having to inform the parents. This is also our policy. Schools do this to enable students and staff to get home as quickly as possible as the weather can turn rapidly and travelling home can become extremely dangerous. In the event of closing the Academy, all the students will be told to contact home through their mobiles or use of a friend's mobile. We will also send a message through SIMS In Touch.

We would suggest that given our weather forecasting service is pretty accurate, you are likely to be aware of adverse weather conditions the night before, and you should be able to plan for the event. This might involve ensuring your child has a key to get home, perhaps advising him/her to walk home with a friend or sibling and to wear appropriate clothing. We will have a common sense approach to uniform on these days, in particular to footwear.

If the Academy has to be closed for a prolonged period of time then further details will be placed on the Academy website and updated as required. Students can access various sites such as Mymaths, Kerboodle and/or complete work on 'Show my Homework'.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Alison Lusuardi

Head of School