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Dear Families

Academy Closure Arrangements – Adverse Weather

In view of the likelihood of forthcoming bad weather, I thought that it would be timely to remind families of the arrangements should a decision be made to close the Academy or to amend our opening times.

The decision to close the Academy may have to be based on the weather forecast for the day/night ahead rather than conditions first thing in the morning.

The Academy will endeavour to have announcements made by 7.00am and the information made available to the following radio stations; Free Radio, Black Country Radio and Heart FM. Details will also be posted on the Thorns Collegiate Academy website, Facebook page and Twitter feed. Please follow and like the pages to receive updates. Families who have provided a mobile phone number should also receive a text message from us.

In the event of an Academy closure while the Academy is in session, all students will be dismissed from the Academy unless parents record in their child's Academy Planner their wish for their child to remain in the Academy building until collected. Therefore, in the event of early closure, it is important that each child knows exactly what they should do to get home. I should, therefore, be grateful if you discuss with your child, how they should make their way home in very bad weather, e.g. whether they are to wait and be collected from the Academy, to start the journey home by bus, or to start walking. It is important that you work out together an agreed route that you both know. This detail then needs to be added to your child's Academy Planner and signed by yourself. If your child should arrive home earlier than usual, it would be advisable to make arrangements for them to go to a friend or neighbour if there is no one at home, or to let themselves into the house if you are happy for them to do so.

In the event of waking up to severe weather conditions the Academy will send a text message to all parents to notify of Academy closure. We will also post this decision on the Academy website and social media.

If there is no announcement by 7.00am on the local radio stations or on the Academy website, Facebook page or Twitter feed then the Academy will be open to students and staff as normal.

Yours Sincerely

Mr M Kelay
Principal

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