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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Bad Weather Procedures

At Dixons City, we try wherever possible, to remain open so that we do not disrupt our student's education. We only close if the site is unsafe, insufficient staff can travel, or the buses have stopped and most children cannot attend.

The decision to close will be sent to parents via our text messaging service by 6.30am at the latest. We will also post a message on the website and inform all local radio stations. Please do not ring the school to enquire if we are open as this jams the phone lines and means that staff can not inform us whether they can travel. We need to know this to plan a safe and productive day for students if we are open.

If you do not hear anything, it means that the Academy is open.

There will be times when the decision to close will have to be taken during the day. This will happen if we feel that students need to travel home earlier in order to ensure their safety. Once again, we will inform you of this situation by text and we would ask parents not to contact the Academy by phone, or to contact their children during the school day.

It is absolutely vital that we remain in control in unusual situations so that everyone remains calm and safe. Whilst we expect students to make the same effort as staff to attend during periods of extreme weather, ultimately, if a parent genuinely thinks it is unsafe to travel, they must make this decision and inform us accordingly.

Yours faithfully

Ms S. Watson
Principal