



Oasis Academy Skinner Street

Extreme Weather Policy 2021

As we approach the time of year when we may experience a change to the weather conditions, I would like to remind you of our extreme weather policy.

It is very unlikely that the Academy will ever have to close, and parents and pupils should assume that the Academy remains open unless they hear otherwise from the Academy.

Our priority is to remain open for all students. If this is not possible then we will decide if we can be partially open to a selected number of year groups. If that is not possible we will decide if we can stay open to staff only. A final decision to close will only be taken after all previous options have been considered.

In the event of severe weather conditions e.g. very heavy snow or flooding, causing the academy to be closed, the Academy will report to parents via:

- a) Text and email using My Child At School (MCAS)
- b) The Academy website
- c) The academy Facebook pages & Twitter

Should heavy snow or extreme weather conditions take place during the Academy day necessitating early closure, parents / carers will be informed of changes to collection times via:

- a) Text and email using My Child At School (MCAS)
- b) The Academy website
- c) The Academy Facebook pages & Twitter

Should bad weather be forecast for the next day whilst we are in the Academy, every attempt will be made to make and communicate a decision before pupils leave the academy at the end of the day.

This decision will be one of the following:

- The Academy will definitely close, in which case, nobody should come in on the next day and, for subsequent days, families should check the Academy website and the Academy Facebook pages and Twitter.
- The Academy may close, in which case, families will need to check the Academy website and the Academy Facebook pages and Twitter from 6.30am the next day.

Should bad weather begin overnight or be forecast for the next day whilst we are at home, eg at the start of a term / after a weekend.

- a) If the weather takes a turn for the worse the day / night before, the Principal will make a decision as early as possible on the day on which the bad weather occurs.
- b) If the Academy is due to close, this will be announced via Text and email using My Child At School (MCAS), on the Academy website, the Academy Facebook pages & Twitter
- c) The message on the answer machine and the absence line will be updated if appropriate.

We rely on having the correct details to contact you so please contact the office via office@oasis Skinner Street.org to update your email and telephone contact details if you are unsure.