

Ref DJB/AQG/Letters/Extreme Weather Guidance

19 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Please be reminded, as we enter the coldest months of the year, that the Academy has the following extreme weather statement:

“Due to Fairfax’s academy status, the decision to close Fairfax will be made by the Head of Academy in consultation with the FMAT CEO.

If such a decision to close Fairfax Academy is made by the Head of Academy, key members of staff will be contacted to ensure that a notice is placed on the Fairfax Academy website and that text messages are sent to staff and parents/carers by 07:00 wherever possible.

After the school day has started the decision to close Fairfax Academy is a matter for the Head of Academy to decide. Reasonable effort will be made to contact parents/carers to advise them that school has closed through the same channels as mentioned above”.

Please be assured that we will endeavor to keep Fairfax Academy open, but when considering closure, we will take a proportionate approach to managing the risk that the poor weather poses to both staff and students. There are a number of factors that will influence any decision taken to close Fairfax Academy and may include:

1. Can students and staff get to school safely? This may be affected by public transport.
2. Can students and staff get home safely? If severe weather is expected and may prevent staff and students getting home safely, the academy may decide to close.
3. Is the site safe enough for movement between buildings? Adjacent schools may take different views on the slippery conditions if, say, one has a very sloping site.
4. Can enough staff get into school in order to ensure safe staff to pupil ratios?

We would like to thank you for your continued support of Fairfax Academy.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Academy