



**Birley Primary Academy**

A L.E.A.D Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Adverse weather

It is always the intention of Birley Primary Academy to stay open during periods of adverse weather and the decision to close is never taken lightly. However, in the very rare event that we are left with no option but to close early, your child's welfare is of the utmost importance to us as always.

Their safety whilst on the school site will be managed by staff, but we would also like to ensure their continued safety as they make their way home. With this in mind all children throughout the academy will only be allowed to go home with an adult over the age of 18 years old.

We ask that if someone other than yourselves will be collecting that you let us know as we will only dismiss to a nominated adult. Children who are under the age of 18 will not be able to collect younger siblings and take them home.

Children at the academy are looked after by staff in school, therefore should we ever have to close early they will be kept safe within school until you arrive.

If myself and the site manager make a decision that the school site is unsafe or roads are not easily passable, which impacts on teachers and support staff getting to school, then we will make a decision as early as possible about late opening or full closure. We will communicate all of this in the following ways:

- All parents will receive a TEXT and an EMAIL from our school system informing of any changes to the day
- We will update the schools facebook page
- We will send a message on Class Dojo
- We will inform Radio Sheffield and the Local authority
- In the event of full day closure, we will communicate with all parents/carers as soon as possible about opening the following day using the procedures outlined above.

I hope you understand that this is to keep all children safe in the event of a closure.

Many thanks for your continued support

Dawn McAughey

Headteacher



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