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*“Every child deserves to be the best they can be”*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As temperatures begin to drop, it is timely to remind parents/carers of the guidance and arrangements to be followed in the event of adverse weather conditions. It is always very difficult when we have snow and ice to determine how this will affect the safety of our children and staff travelling to our academy.

- Please look at the academy website which will be updated with any academy closure at [www.grovejunior.co.uk](http://www.grovejunior.co.uk)
- Please check your phones are turned on as we will send a message to all parents/carers via our text messaging service. Therefore, it is imperative that all of our pupils' contact information is up-to-date.
- We will also update ClassDojo with any communication. Therefore, if you have not already done so, please ensure that you have connected to your ClassDojo account.

**Minibus**

If your child has been invited to use our minibus collection service, we will not be operating this if heavy snow is predicted to fall overnight. You will be notified of this the night before and we expect parents / carers whose child /ren travel via this service to have contingency plans in place for their child /ren to attend school should the academy be open should snow or ice prevent our transport from being used.

Wherever possible, the academy will remain open and staff will be here as normal. However, there may be instances where although we are open, Before & After School Club at our sister academy is not, so please check the website for closure updates from Hamilton Academy [www.hamilton.stoke.sch.uk](http://www.hamilton.stoke.sch.uk) If they are closed then Before and After School Club will also be closed.

Once a decision has been made to open the academy, weather conditions will be closely monitored and only in the event of an extreme decline will the academy be closed and parents/carers will be notified by text message and ClassDojo.

- If the weather becomes severe during the day then parents/carers may contact the academy if they feel that they would like to collect their child early for safety reasons (ie travelling/walking long distances or collecting other children from local academies/schools). However, please only call the school if you really have to – calls in prevent calls out!
- The academy will remain open until the end of the academy day, however, if parents/carers are delayed due to the adverse weather conditions, they should contact us as soon as possible to give an anticipated arrival time.

Extra-curricular clubs (boosters / sports etc) may be cancelled in bad weather if it is deemed advisable for staff or pupils to start their journey home.

Parents/carers must follow the paths/routes that have been salted/gritted when on our premises to minimise the risk of falling.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Carrigan  
Academy Principal

**PLEASE UPDATE THE ACADEMY OFFICE IF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGE**

