



Hamilton Academy
ESPRIT Multi Academy Trust



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Dear Parents/Carers

As December approaches, it is timely to remind parents/carers of the **updated** 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 travelling to our academy.

- Please check the local authority website http://webapps.stoke.gov.uk/schoolclosures/Public_view.aspx
- Please look at our academy website which will also be updated with our academy closure at www.hamilton.stoke.sch.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.
- Please listen to local radio stations for information until you are ready to leave for school. (Radio Stoke 94.6 FM and Signal Radio 102.6 FM).
- We will also post a message on our academy page of Class Dojo

Wherever possible our academy will remain open and staff will be here as normal. If our academy is open, breakfast club will also be open. However, due to road conditions some staff may be late arriving and the start of the school day could be affected but we would always text to advise if this is the case.

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

- If the weather becomes severe during the school day then parents/carers may contact our 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 schools).
- Our academy will remain open until the end of the school day, however, if parents/carers are delayed due to the adverse weather conditions, they should contact our academy as soon as possible to give an anticipated arrival time. Please do not rush, parents must travel as safely as possible but you may be asked to wait to collect your child if dismissal of another bubble is taking place.



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Due to the current Government Guidance and our additional Risk Assessments, we will continue to stagger arrival and dismissal times of our pupils and collection arrangements will be slightly different for Year 1 and Year 2

Please remember that a face covering **MUST** be worn by **ALL** parents/carers whilst on our academy site unless a previous medical exemption message has been sent to us via Class Dojo.

To ensure that bubbles do not mix, it is really important that you arrive promptly to drop off and collect your child(ren) at the times below:-

YEAR GROUP	ARRIVAL TIME	COLLECTION TIME	COLLECTION POINT
Nursery	8.45am	2.45pm	Remains the same (Nursery Door)
Reception	9.15am	2.00pm	Remains the same (Reception Door)
Year 1	8.55am	2.10pm	School Reception Door & then exit via the single gate as directed
Year 2	9.05am	2.20pm	School Reception Door & then exit via the single gate as directed

Parents/carers must follow the paths/routes that have been salted/gritted when on our academy premises to minimise the risk of falling and follow the one-way systems in place.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Y Glaister
Academy Principal



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