



THE BIRKENHEAD PARK SCHOOL

21 December 2016

Dear Parent

Year 7 Transport Arrangements – School closure due to severe winter weather

I am sure you would agree that our Year 7 transport offer has been a huge success. I would like to share with you some information regarding the actions that the school will take if we have to close early during the school day.

School unable to open – morning pick-ups unable to operate

- Miss Robinson arrives at school at 7.00 am. She will assess whether the road conditions are safe for her normal timetable. If she feels that the roads are too hazardous, and a health and safety risk to both herself and students, she will notify you by telephone immediately.
- Her decision will be taken independently of a school closure, which is generally agreed by the Senior Leadership Team at 8.00 am after a full assessment.
- It may be the case that school opens as usual so we would ask you to monitor our website, social media and local radio for updates. If school opens and the school transport does not operate, we would ask you to make alternative arrangements to ensure that your child attends school.

Early closure of school

If weather conditions deteriorate significantly during the day, we will take the following actions:-

- School transport will not operate if weather and road conditions make any journeys hazardous.
- In the event of a decision around an early school closure, you will be notified as a priority to inform you of the situation. In these circumstances, we would request that you make alternative arrangements for your child to return home safely.

I trust that these arrangements will reassure you in the rare instances when severe weather disrupts the school day. I would ask that you ensure that your contact details are up to date and that you are on standby in the event of bad weather. If you wish to discuss these arrangements in more detail, please contact Miss Robinson in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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