

Early Closure Arrangements for Thursday and Friday Due to Extreme Weather

Due to the extreme weather conditions forecast for both Thursday and Friday, we have taken the decision to implement an amended school day on both days to help ensure the wellbeing, comfort and safety of students and staff.

Students will be dismissed at 1:05pm on both days following an orderly dismissal process.

The academy will operate as normal until lunchtime, with the following arrangements in place:

- Teaching and learning will continue as normal until the end of Period 4.
- To ensure students are working in the coolest available environments, Year 7 and Year 8 students will complete their PDS lessons in their Advisory rooms rather than their usual timetabled classrooms.
- All year groups will attend the first lunch sitting together.
- To support our catering team and help manage temperatures within the kitchen, cold food options only will be available at lunchtime.
- At 12:50pm, all students will make their way to their Morning Meeting locations where registers will be taken before an orderly dismissal at 1:05pm.

This decision has not been taken lightly. We recognise that it may cause some inconvenience for families. However, having carefully considered the forecast temperatures, conditions within the building and the wellbeing of both students and staff, we believe this is the most appropriate course of action.

We are aware that a number of schools across Liverpool are either closing entirely or moving to half-day arrangements in response to the forecast temperatures. Our priority has been to maintain as much high-quality learning as possible whilst also taking sensible and proportionate steps to protect the wellbeing of our school community.

In addition, many of our staff are parents and carers themselves and will need to make arrangements to collect their own children should local primary and secondary schools implement early closures. The arrangements outlined above allow us to continue providing a meaningful school day for students while ensuring we can safely and effectively operate the academy.

Please continue to support us by ensuring that students:

- Arrive at school with water. Reusable water bottles are strongly encouraged and can be refilled throughout the day.
- Bring / apply suitable sun cream before arriving at school.
- Consider a hat for use during social times and movement around the site.

Follow the temporary hot weather uniform arrangements previously communicated by the academy.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Nicholas Hughes
Principal
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