



## **Snow & Extreme Weather Policy**

On rare occasions, particularly in winter, the weather can be so severe that getting to and from The Leigh Academy becomes hazardous. Really bad weather is disruptive and can cause anxiety and stress.

The Academy's intention is to always remain open as we do not wish to disrupt students' learning; we also appreciate the difficulties school closure causes to working families. However, safety is our number one priority and we will always act in the best interests of students and staff. The decision to open or close the academy will take into account the weather conditions at the time of making the decision, local forecasts, potential impact on public transport and accessibility of surrounding roads.

In the event of overnight extreme weather conditions affecting the opening of the Academy, the Principal and/or Deputy Principal and Premises staff will make a full assessment of the site and a notice will be posted as early as possible, on the Academy's website. In addition, all families will be contacted wherever possible by text message about Academy closures. It is vital that we have the correct mobile number and it is parents/carers responsibility to notify the academy of any change of contact details.

**PLEASE ASSUME THE ACADEMY IS OPEN IF THE LOCAL RADIO AND ACADEMY WEBSITE DO NOT ANNOUNCE OTHERWISE.**

If any students arrive at the Academy unaware of the closure a member of staff will be here to help. Students will be able to contact their families to make arrangements to return home.

The Academy will close only in extreme circumstances. Any decision to close the Academy will be made by the Principal and/or Deputy Principal.

In the event that weather conditions deteriorate to such an extent during a school day and a decision is made to close; parents/carers will be notified by text/email as well as notices published on the academy website.