

Tuesday, 7th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support and co-operation throughout what have been a challenging two days at the start of term. It has been wonderful to see students in the Academy today getting back to business, albeit later (and colder) than we would have liked.

I am writing to outline the current plans for the rest of the week regarding the frost and ice which are likely to form overnight and disrupt traffic and roads around the area on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. With temperatures likely to dip to -11°C overnight according to forecasts, it is important that we put in place a strategy which prioritises the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Preparing for cold weather

- Please ensure that your child is sent to school wearing appropriate warm clothing
- If you need support with this, we have clothing and equipment which can be given to students to help them through this period

Arrival times

- The Academy gates will be open from 10.30am for students to arrive
- Please do not send your children in any earlier than this
- This allows those staff who travel a significant distance to avoid the ice at rush hour and to arrive at work safely
- Students will be allowed to arrive by the front gate (Valley Drive) or the top gate (Edge Lane)
- The bottom gate (St. Michael's Mount/Glebe Gate) will be closed
- Please do not attempt to drive on site unless you have pre-arranged special permission to do so
- Warm drinks will be available for students, in addition to the usual canteen menu at break
- Normal lessons will start at 11.20am



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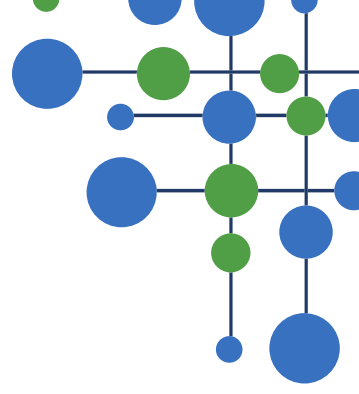
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The Academy day

- From P3 onwards, the Academy day will run as usual
- Lunch times will be at the normal times and a full lunch menu (including hot dinners) will be available

Leaving times

- Students will need to be collected from either of the drop-off points listed above
- Please work with our staff regarding road safety and avoid double parking on Valley Drive – this is a busy, narrow road and is a bus route
- If possible, arrange a pick up point with your child away from Valley Drive to avoid congestion of the area
- In order to best manage the heavy traffic on Valley Drive, students will leave in year group order at five minute intervals:

- Year 11 2.40pm
- Year 10 2.45pm
- Year 9 2.50pm
- Year 8 2.55pm
- Year 7 3pm

I am hopeful that this plan will remain in place for the rest of the week. Our intention is to support our students to access their education safely – and all the fantastic benefits a school day brings - despite the challenging conditions.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Burton
Headteacher