

8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that this finds you well. As you are most likely aware, there is currently a yellow/amber severe weather warning for snow starting tonight and, into tomorrow and as such I wanted to share with you our emergency procedures should we need to close the school.

**School closure before the school day**

Unless you hear otherwise, please assume that the school will remain open. Any decision to close the school will be based upon the safety and wellbeing of our school community with two key areas taking priority; 1 – is the school site safe? And 2 – are our staff and students able to commute to school safely? We will notify you as early as possible if school is to close via the following methods:

1. The school website: [www.thedeacademy.org](http://www.thedeacademy.org)
2. Our social media: Facebook and Instagram
3. Gloucestershire School Closure Webpage: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>

**School closure during the school day**

If we need to close the school during the day, it is important that all students and staff can leave the site as swiftly as possible. To support this, we will:

1. Email all parents/carers
2. Update our school website, social media and GCC school closure webpage
3. We will liaise with the school transport systems and notify you of any changes to schedules
4. Children who receive lifts from their families will need to be collected as soon as possible.  
Children using public transport may remain on site until the next transport is available
5. Children who walk home will be allowed to leave site once we have notified parents/carers.

**If you do not wish for your child to leave the school site unsupervised please inform us asap by emailing [info@thedeacademy.org](mailto:info@thedeacademy.org).**

With regards to setting of work in the event of a school closure:

**Day 1:** this will be given over to students (and staff!) to enjoy the snowy weather and for students to use the opportunity to ensure all of their homework is up to date and to do additional SPARX Maths/Reader/Science should they wish.

**Day 2/3:** work would be set remotely via Classcharts for students to be completing.

**Day 4 onwards:** remote teaching/pre-recorded lessons as per students' timetable (more communication regarding this would follow should this unlikely eventuality arise).

A gentle reminder that, given the recent behaviours of some of our young people at the frozen Lydney Lake, it is important that all members of our school community enjoy the snowy weather safely.



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At present the forecasts are very mixed and inconclusive, but we wish to be ready in case the above action is required.

Many thanks for your cooperation and support as we work to keep everyone in our school community safe.

Yours sincerely

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