

# Old Bank Academy Bad Weather School Closure Information for Parents



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## **Severe Weather/School Closure**

### **Information for Parents**

School will always make every attempt to remain open but there may be occasions, for example when the weather is severe or if there is an emergency, when the school has to be shut for the safety of the children and staff.

#### **Closures as a result of heavy snow or emergency overnight**

If the weather is very severe or there is an emergency the Headteacher is responsible for making the decision to close the school. The decision is made as early as possible (normally around 7.00a.m.) and the School and Council websites will be updated at this time.

Parents are asked to use one of the following to check if school is open:

- Old Bank Academy website (<https://www.oldbankschool.co.uk>)
- Old Bank Twitter @OldBankAcademy
- Kirklees Council website (<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/announcements/disruptions-closures-and-weather/default.aspx>)
- Check their mobile phones for any text message from the school

Unless the school is officially closed, children should make every effort to attend so long as it is safe to do so.

#### **Heavy snow or emergency during the school day**

If the school is forced to shut because of severe weather or in an emergency during the school, parents will be contacted via text message and through the Old Bank Academy website (<https://www.oldbankschool.co.uk>) and asked to pick their children up.

Please note

- Children will only be able to go with known family members or with the person they would normally go home with
- No child will be allowed to go home early unaccompanied even if they would normally go home on their own
- No EYFS/KS1 children will be allowed to go with anyone under the age of 16
- No children will be put in taxis by school staff
- Any child who can not be picked up will remain at school with a member of the Senior Leadership Team until such time as someone is able to come to get them

**Parents are asked not to ring the school as the phone system gets jammed with incoming calls and you will be unable to get through.**