



### 1.0 Introduction

The Academy is committed to opening in all circumstances, it is very unlikely that the Academy will ever have to close and parents and students should assume the Academy remains open unless they hear otherwise.

However in the event of severe weather conditions (very heavy snow) the Academy considers the safety and wellbeing of its students and staff with the utmost importance and any decision to close the Academy will be taken after the following have been considered

Are there/will there be enough staff members to be able to provide a proper educational environment?

Can the Academy provide lunch for all the students?

Are the Academy grounds clear of snow/ice to be safe for access?

Can the Academy be heated to legally required temperatures?

Does the building have enough lighting and hot water?

The Academy will also take account of local and national weather forecasts and may base our decision to close (or remain closed during a prolonged snowy spell) on these.

### 2.00 Communications

#### 2.1 Snowfall overnight

If there is heavy snowfall overnight the Academy management team will need to decide whether it is safe to open the school. We will do everything possible to make our decision by 07.00am.

If we decide not to open we will;

Contact Radio City & Radio Merseyside who will broadcast the closure on air

Record a telephone message on the Academy's main number 01512604044

Update the Academy website [www.northliverpoolacademy.co.uk](http://www.northliverpoolacademy.co.uk)

Text as many parents as possible via the Academy text service

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### 2.2 Snowfall during the school day

If there is heavy snow during the school day, the students will be sent home at the most timely and appropriate time.

We will send a letter home with each child, informing parents/carers to check the Academy communications systems as in 2.1.

Members of staff who live in vulnerable geographical areas will be invited to go home at the safest opportunity.

### 3.00 Exams

The Academy will implement emergency contingency plans for staffing exams and students should always turn to sit their exams as normal.

### 4.00 Safety

#### 4.1 Grounds safety

In the event of heavy snow or ice the site staff will try to ensure a clear pathway into the Academy site and grit the cleared area

#### 4.2 Snow play

We understand the enjoyment that snow brings and believe that children should be allowed to play outside during snowy conditions, as long as Academy guidelines are followed. The Principal will decide whether to allow students outside.

Children will be allowed to throw snowballs but they must not throw them at staff or other pupils. Ice slides will not be allowed

#### 4.3 Planning ahead

Please have the Academy phone number with you (0151 260 4044) if you normally pick your child up and are going to be late inform us and we will inform them.

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