



## School Closures

In the event of disruption due to severe weather conditions, or other events, for example the boiler breaking down, the school must always consider the safety of its pupils, staff and visitors. With this in mind St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy's responsibility is to ensure the school remains open, wherever possible, to avoid disruption to the outstanding education that pupils receive.

Any decision taken to close the school will be made as quickly as possible by the Head of School in conjunction with the Executive Headteachers and St Cuthbert's RC Academy Trust; taking into consideration the safety and accessibility of school and condition of the school site; if the school is sufficiently staffed, heated and able to provide a school meal for all pupils requiring one. Wherever possible the school will remain open at all times.

In the event of St Mary Queen of Martyrs Academy having to close, or partially close, families will be notified in the following ways:

- by text message - parents should ensure the school has up to date mobile telephone numbers and contact details for nominated family members
- details will be posted on the school website, twitter page and school app as soon as possible, please ensure you subscribe to these to keep up to date on everything.
- the following local radio stations will be informed - BBC Humberside and Viking Radio.

If severe weather should develop during the day, the school will aim to remain open until the end of the school day (3.00 pm). However if this is not possible parents will be contacted by text message; school app; twitter; e-mail or telephone and asked to collect their children, or give verbal permission for their children to make their own way home, as soon as possible

"Be the best you can be - Jesus loves you always"