

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Closure Notice

We will always aim to open the school unless in extreme weather conditions or other major incidents.

IF WE HAVE TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL we will endeavour to make that decision as early as possible (depending on staff availability, site safety, road and path conditions, weather forecasts, emergency services etc) by 7.30am.

- All parents will **only** receive a Schoolcomms text message saying that **we are closed**

To check if the school is open during bad weather, please follow the directions below

- A message will appear on our website: **www.thegroveacademy.org.uk**
- School closures and confirmation of opening, including extended registration times will also be displayed on a web page that will be linked from the homepage of **www.hertfordshire.gov.uk**
- Our closure will be announced at frequent intervals by these local radio stations: **BBC Three Counties Radio** (103.8fm/95.5fm or 630 mw/1161mw) **Heart FM** (96.6fm) and **BOB FM** (106.7/106.9fM)
- Message on Twitter: @TheGroveAcad
- On our school answer phone (01923 674463) – a little later on

WE WILL OPEN unless the weather is particularly severe. Staff will direct you to the best route for children to enter the building.

However, it may be that some staff and children will have difficulty accessing school for 8.30a.m, so we will operate a **FLEXIBLE OPENING TIME**. If we will be operating this system, we will inform you of register times via text. You will need to decide whether it is safe and practicable to get your child to and from school. *(It is possible that the time table for the day may be somewhat different to that of a normal school day and the children should arrive suitably dressed and with spare clothes)*

SCHOOL LUNCHES

In the event of very bad weather and we are unable to guarantee that we can provide a hot (or even cold) school lunch. We will advise you to **SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITH A PACKED LUNCH**, which they can bring home again if Aspire Catering are able to operate as normal.

POSSIBLE EARLY CLOSURE ONCE OPENED

Should the weather deteriorate or threaten to do so and for safety reasons we have to close school early, you will be notified according to the above procedures. Children will remain at school and be looked after by school staff until collected by their parent/carer.