



## Dear Parents / Carers

### Adverse Weather Protocol

As we enter the winter months, there is an increased likelihood of severe weather conditions such as heavy snow, ice, and related disruptions. While our priority is to keep the school open and ensure students do not miss lessons, the school will only close in exceptional circumstances where the safety of students and staff may be at risk.

Please assume the school will remain open unless you receive official communication from us. Safety will always be our first priority, and any decision to close will be based on:

- Local weather and road conditions
- A risk assessment of site safety
- Availability of appropriate staffing levels

The decision will be made by the Head of School, in consultation with the Business Operations Manager and the Site Team. Where possible, advance notice will be provided through the following channels:

- **Arbor message to parents**
- **Announcement on the school website**
- **Updates on our official social media platforms (Facebook and Twitter)**

In the event of closure, students will be provided with online learning resources.

### Severe or Deteriorating Weather Conditions During the Day

We will monitor road reports and weather forecasts throughout the day. If conditions worsen, our policy will be to:

- Notify parents via Arbor message if the school will close early
- Remain open for students who cannot travel home immediately
- Allow students to begin their journey home before conditions deteriorate further

Specialised Transport Services at Derbyshire County Council will be contacted to assist with student transport where necessary.

### Subsequent Day(s) of Closure

If closure extends beyond the initial day, parents/carers will be notified using the same methods listed above.

### How You Can Support These Procedures

To help us manage these situations effectively, we ask for your cooperation in the following ways:

- **Limit contact with your child via mobile phone** until official communication has been issued. Early contact can cause confusion and make it harder for staff to keep students calm and reassured.
- **Do not arrive at school without prior notice** to collect your child. This can lead to congestion in reception and increase pressure on staff. If you have an urgent concern and need to collect your child earlier than planned, please call **01773 712477** before coming to Main Reception.
- **Maintain courtesy and patience** when speaking with staff, in line with our school vision of being respectful to each other. Our team works hard to respond to rapidly changing circumstances.

Aldercar High school is proud to be part of the Embark Federation



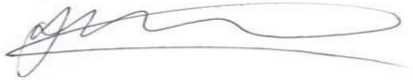
**Important Reminder**

Unless you receive communication stating otherwise, please assume the school will remain open as usual.

Thank you for your understanding and support. These situations are rare, and our priority is always the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff.

Kind Regards

Mr A Blake



Head of school

