

26th February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Given the weather forecast for the week ahead, please be reminded that the school has the following extreme weather statement:

“Birmingham City Council no longer make decisions about blanket closures for academies in the case of extreme weather, therefore the decision to close Bournville School will be made by the Head of Academy in consultation with the FMAT CEO or FMAT Director of Education.

If such a decision to close the school is made by the Head of Academy, key members of staff will be contacted to ensure that a notice is placed on the academy website and that text messages are sent to staff and parents/carers by 07:00 wherever possible.

After the school day has started the decision to close the school is a matter for the Head of Academy to decide. Reasonable effort will be made to contact parents/carers to advise them that the school has closed through the same channels as mentioned above”.

Please be assured that we will endeavour to keep Bournville open, but when considering closure, we will take a proportionate approach to managing the risk that the poor weather poses to both staff and students. There are a number of factors that will influence any decision taken to close the academy and may include:

1. Can students and staff get to school safely? This may be affected by public transport.
2. Can students and staff get home safely? If severe weather is expected and may prevent staff and students getting home safely, the academy may decide to close.
3. Is the site safe enough for movement between buildings? Adjacent schools may take different views on the slippery conditions if, say, one has a very sloping site.
4. Can enough staff get into school in order to ensure safe staff to pupil ratios?

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Cottle
Head of Academy