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Please note that in the event of a severe weather warning that may affect the Academy's normal opening hours, the following procedures will be put in place:

- As soon as we are alerted to severe weather an email and text messages will be sent to parents with regular updates (if you know of a parent that would not receive an email or text message we would ask that you would help them by notifying them).
- Southfields Academy will always endeavour to remain open to students, there may be a partial closure or a curtailed school day. Parents / Carers will be notified by email and text message of any closure. A notice will also be placed on the home page of the Academy website and on the Academy's Facebook and Twitter feeds.
- www.southfieldsacademy.com will be updated on a regular basis – you will need to refresh your browser if you stay logged on to the website.
- Wherever possible, we will have the Academy phone manned for telephone queries.

What happens if the weather deteriorates during the school day:

- The school will only close in the event of severe weather or on advice from the Local Authority. The decision will be made by the Principal and Headteacher.
- The decision will be posted on the website, sent by email and students will be permitted to text a dictated message to parents.
- Wherever possible, we will arrange for the school buses to come early.
- Wherever possible we will give the students an opportunity to obtain food and drink before the closure of the school.
- Students that are normally collected will be instructed to contact parents for advice on what to do.
- Students walking home will be advised to walk in groups.
- School will be kept opened and appropriately staffed until the last student has left the building.
- Please note that staff are not permitted to give lifts to students.

How you can help:

- Relay the message to anyone you know not able to be contacted by the school.
- Where possible, keep regular checks on the school website.
- Talk through the procedure with your son/daughter and plan with them what they should do in the event of bad weather.

Equalities Statement:

We have considered and analysed the impact of these policies on equality and the possible implications for people with protected characteristics, as part of our commitment to meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.