

Ref: AEM/EWA/AcademyClosure

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

RE: Academy Closure

Following the closure of the Academy yesterday and today I wanted to explain some of the reasons behind the decisions and the challenges that we face. Yesterday was an extremely difficult day for travelling and it was snowing heavily. Today, whilst the roads in Peterborough are relatively clear, this is unfortunately not the position as you head out of Peterborough. Many of our staff live out of the city and travel in every day. I am sure you will have seen that the A15 was closed this morning and remains so currently. Despite leaving home early on both days, many staff have been unable to reach the clearer roads of Peterborough despite their best efforts and over the last two days there have been many accidents. Advice from Police in Lincolnshire particularly, is not to travel unless absolutely necessary. With a significant number of staff unable to get to the Academy, we have been left with no alternative but to close. I realise this is inconvenient for all concerned, but the safety and welfare of students and staff is my top priority. We have tried to remain open on both days and have also tried to balance making a decision to close in time to give parents and students enough notice, but also knowing whether there are enough staff available to ensure health and safety is not compromised. Staff have been attempting to get into the Academy and then contacting us as soon as they realise they are unable to do so. As soon as it became apparent on both days that we would not be able to staff the Academy, we announced the decision to close. I hope that the Academy will be able to open tomorrow and am constantly monitoring the situation. Any updates will be sent via Twitter and placed on the Academy website. If the decision is made to close, we will communicate that to you as soon as we possibly can but again, this will be very dependent on the weather and travel conditions.

In the meantime, students are able to access various online resources - on the school website, SAM learning and BBC Bitesize.

Please accept my apologies for the inconvenience caused in what is an unavoidable situation.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Emmerson