



NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

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skills and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with
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Dear parent/carer

RE: School Closure - Thursday 1 March and Friday 2 March 2018

Firstly, I would like to apologise for any inconvenience my decision to close the Academy on Thursday and Friday caused. I would also like to apologise if our communication on Thursday was confusing or unhelpful.

At 6.30am on Thursday, we fully intended to open the Academy. However, as we set about clearing paths to ensure the school was safe for your children, the snow began to fall more rapidly and it became clear that we would not be able to make the site suitably safe. Equally, it became clear that to open would be to ask parents, pupils and staff to make journeys that might be unsafe.

We therefore made the difficult decision to close at 7am. This was immediately broadcast via BBC Radio Nottingham, the Nottingham City Council website, our own website and Twitter. However, due to the demands being placed on the text messaging service that we use, we were unable to get a text out to confirm this (and counteract our previous text that had said we would be open) until 7.40am. My sincere apologies for the confusion and any unnecessary actions this caused on your part.

I made the decision to close on Friday at 3pm on Thursday afternoon. This was made after careful examination of the weather forecasts and consultation with other local headteachers.

Although some roads were clearing with use, the freezing temperatures were likely to turn snow and sludge into ice and roads were, therefore, likely to remain treacherous. I also wanted to give parents and carers as much advanced notice as possible and set minds at rest about making difficult journeys.

I will only ever make the decision to close the Academy if I think to open would put your daughter at risk. It is not a decision I make lightly and, when it is made, it is always one I will try to make so that you have sufficient warning and time to make suitable arrangements.

To ensure you have all of the information you need, please:

- ensure we have up-to-date email and mobile phone contact details for you;
- follow us on Twitter @NottmGirlsAcademy;
- visit our website www.nottinghamgirlsacademy.org;
- visit the Nottingham City Council website at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk;
- listen to the updates and bulletins on BBC Radio Nottingham.

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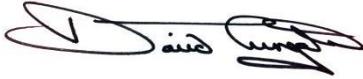


*We strive to fulfil everyone's learning potential.
We value high standards, hard work and a ceaseless desire to improve.
We provide a safe, kind, nurturing and inclusive environment.
We enjoy the journey together.*



Finally, let me reassure you that your daughter's attendance record will not be affected by my decision to close the Academy.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Tungate', written over a horizontal line.

Mr D Tungate
Principal