

## **Severe Weather Policy and Procedures**

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### **Our vision - Dream, believe, achieve**

At Landau Forte Academy Moorhead we aim to provide opportunity for all our children to develop resilience, self-belief and aspirations to achieve. These beliefs form our vision which shapes all aspects of school life. Resilience, Aspiration, Achievements and self-belief are the golden threads that prepare our children to become the positive citizens of the future.

At Landau Forte academy Moorhead we aim, through inspirational teaching, to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment where children are confident to take risks.

We are ambitious for all, embedding the self-belief that anything is possible.

We inspire and motivate learners to achieve by expanding their experiences of the world around them. We are proud to work in partnership with our community and together we challenge ourselves to achieve more.

### **Rationale**

***At Landau Forte Academy Moorhead the health, safety and well-being of children and staff are paramount. This policy and procedure has been written to ensure that communication systems are robust and effective in relaying information to parents/carers as quickly as possible.***

The decision to close the school will be made by the Headteacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply.

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on site are dangerous.
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous to travel.

### **Implementation of Policy**

At Landau Forte Academy Moorhead we will implement the following procedures in the event of severe weather:

- The Headteacher will make a decision as to whether to open by 7am.

- Members of staff will be informed and advised only to travel if safe to do so and if required to supervise children.
- Members of staff who arrive at work will be asked to stay to assist with the communication to parents/carers. Staff may return home once all children have been collected safely and the premises have been secured and closed.
- Parents will be informed by 7am and information will be communicated via the following mediums:
  - ✓ Website - <https://lfadm.org.uk/>
  - ✓ Radio Station – Radio Derby: Main switchboard: 01332 361111.
  - ✓ Arbor SMS

If parents assume that the school is closed, but it is actually open, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised unless the Headteacher is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

### **Severe Weather during Session**

In the event of severe weather during a session Landau Forte Academy Moorhead will implement the following procedures:

- The Headteacher will make a decision as to whether Landau Forte Academy Moorhead should close and send children home. This decision will be based on health and safety issues, weather forecasts and the safety of children travelling home.
- If the decision is made to close, parents/carers will be contacted by telephone/text message to arrange to collect their children.
- Staff will remain until all children have left the premises.

### **Disability Equality Impact Assessment**

This policy has been written with reference to and in consideration of the school's Disability Equality Scheme. Assessment will include consideration of issues identified by the involvement of disabled children, staff and parents and any information the school holds on disabled children, staff and parents.

***Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be made to Mrs Beardmore, Headteacher.***