

17 February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: Oak Closure Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

The UK Met Office has issued a 'Red Warning' for parts of England tomorrow due to Storm Eustice. High winds are expected across England for much of the day. Through discussion with other local schools and in conjunction with the local authority, **I regret to inform you that we have also taken the decision to close Oak Academy on Friday 18 February 2022 out of consideration for the safety of students and staff.** The reasons for this are outlined below.

**Red Warning**

The 'Red Warning' means that we should expect the following conditions tomorrow:

1. Flying debris resulting in danger to life
2. Damage to buildings and homes, with roofs blown off and power lines brought down
3. Uprooted trees
4. Roads, bridges and railway lines closed
5. Power cuts affecting services
6. Large waves and beach material being thrown onto coastal roads

These conditions mean that it would not be safe for students and staff to travel to and from school, as well as raising safety concerns about movement around the site, were we to remain open.

**Work for Students**

Work for students will be set on Microsoft Teams. We are not requiring staff to run 'live lessons' tomorrow because many will have to make emergency childcare arrangements due to the closure of schools across the area.

If you have any questions about the above information, please contact our Senior Team:  
[OakSLT@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:OakSLT@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk)

We look forward to welcoming students back when term starts again on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely,



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