



Academy Closure Friday 9 January 2026

Dear families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as I made the difficult decision to close the Academy today. It is not a decision I take lightly but it was the right one considering the information available.

Early this morning I was made aware that several of our buses would not be operating due to dangerous driving conditions in the Mansfield area, affecting many families. Heavy snowfall across the region has also made the commute to site difficult for many of our staff. Further, access to the site via the front of the Academy, as well as the Year 7 area is very difficult due to flooding. Many of our outdoor spaces that pupils often rely on to walk between lessons and navigate the site are not accessible for this reason.

These combined factors led to the closure decision that has been made.

We have communicated our Remote Learning strategy with you this morning via text and email. There is also a link to our website here with all the information you need:

<https://www.dukeries.attrust.org.uk/school-closure-9th-january-2026/>

It has been an excellent start to the term here and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back to the Academy next week to continue our great progress.

In the meantime, keep safe in these difficult conditions. The safety and wellbeing of our whole community is our priority.

Thank you,

Mr M Brett



Principal