

# LINK ACADEMY TRUST

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Adverse Weather Conditions**

You will probably be aware of the amber warning for South West England issued today by the Met Office, which is forecasting extremely strong winds overnight and into Friday. This has changed to a red warning for the rest of Devon.

Storm Eunice, as this weather front is known, will be coming in overnight. Whilst winds will increase in velocity from 3am tomorrow, the strongest winds for Plymouth and South/ East Devon are forecast to occur between 9 am and 12 noon tomorrow, when gusts of up to 80 mph may be experienced locally. Winds will drop from around the time that school finishes tomorrow, but speeds are likely to remain very high at 50-60mph until 9pm on Friday night.

**If you are dropping off/collecting your child tomorrow, please take extra care on the roads, and particularly around pedestrians and any cyclists.**

The Met Office have some clear advice for those travelling in wind. Please follow the link below:

[Travelling in storms, rain and strong wind - Met Office.](#)

We have also requested that no scooters or bicycles are used as a mode of transport by children coming to school or to be left unattended in the bike and scooter rack in the playground.

**Please reinforce some key but simple reminders to your child to help them stay safe on their way to and from school tomorrow, including:**

- Cycling or scootering are NOT advisable in high winds tomorrow – please find an alternative means of getting to school
- Take extra care when walking near roads, as sudden gusts can easily blow pedestrians sideways and into roads
- Be particularly vigilant when crossing roads and be aware that conditions for motorists are very challenging
- Be aware of flying debris in high winds (especially near building sites)
- Do not shelter under trees or buildings where debris may fall in high winds
- Make sure you wear a coat and are appropriately dressed for the weather

## **In school:**

- Our risk assessment for adverse weather conditions is in place and we have planned ahead to ensure outdoor bins, gates and shed doors etc are secured as far as possible, including outdoor play equipment.
- Pupils will be instructed to stay inside the school building during break and possibly lunchtime tomorrow if the winds are as strong as anticipated – we will monitor weather conditions throughout the day and respond accordingly.
- We will continue to monitor local conditions throughout the day, and keep families updated through email and social media should we need to respond to a worsening situation.

**We do not intend to close the schools but if we feel that we really need to take this action we will inform you through the normal channels.**

Yours sincerely,

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