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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you that Atlantic Academy will be closed tomorrow due to the impending arrival of storm Ciarán, which has been classified as an Amber storm warning.

"This means very strong northwesterly winds associated with Storm Ciarán could disrupt travel, utilities and flying debris caused by high winds could result in danger to life, damage to buildings, with potential for roofs being blown off and power lines brought down. There is potential for large waves and beach material being thrown onto sea fronts, coastal roads and properties."

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are of utmost importance to us. Given the severity of the storm and the potential risks associated with it, we have decided to close the school as a precautionary measure. Storm Ciaran is expected to be worse in exposed coastal areas like our school site.

This decision has been made in consultation with our trust and other schools, taking into consideration the latest weather updates. We understand that this may cause inconvenience for some of you, but we believe that it is in the best interest of everyone's safety. We encourage you to make necessary arrangements for your child's care and supervision during this time. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates regarding the reopening of the school, which will take place on Friday morning if the site is safe. Our primary means of communication will be through email.

During this closure, we encourage students to engage in remote learning activities on google classrooms, if possible. Our teachers will provide resources and assignments through our online platforms to ensure that learning continues even during this unforeseen circumstance. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding and cooperation. The safety of our students and staff remains our top priority, and we believe that this decision is in their best interest. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will do our best to assist you in any way we can. Thank you for your continued support.

Students who are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) will receive a voucher for £2.60, these vouchers will be provided electronically from <https://evouchers.com/> and emailed on Thursday 2nd November.

We sincerely hope that everyone stays safe and well and that the impending storm does not bring the potential damage that has been anticipated.

Please stay safe tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

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