

# **Inclement Weather Policies**

### **Delays and Cancellations:**

Any decision impacting the cancellation or delay of school is taken seriously, and all decisions are based upon the expected safety and ease of students and staff arriving at Trinity. When in doubt, the school errs on the side of safety. We must consider young student drivers, families driving from a myriad of locations throughout the Triangle, as well as conditions in our parking lot and on Baileywick Road.

In the event of inclement weather, Trinity Academy will make a decision regarding school delays or cancellations by 6:00 am each morning. This decision will be emailed, announced on Trinity social media sites, and updated on the Trinity Academy website. We will be unable to respond to individual emails or requests for information.

**Trinity Academy does not follow** the Wake County Public School System for inclement weather closings, delays or cancellations.

#### **Early Closing:**

In the event that Trinity decides to close early due to inclement weather, the decision will be communicated via email, Facebook and the Trinity website. We will also post to local media outlets as time allows. While tremendous effort will be made to announce the decision in a timely manner, there may be times when the weather quickly turns sour, and we will dismiss sooner as opposed to later. If this occurs, there will be at least 30 minutes between the announcement and the official dismissal from school; however, once the decision has been made to close early, families should make every effort to arrive within 60 minutes of the announced dismissal time. We understand that there may be extreme circumstances that make this challenging, but we appreciate your efforts to adhere to this policy. Student safety is our priority, but consideration for those faculty and staff needed to stay late with students is also important. We will make sure an adult stays with your child until he/she is picked up from school.

#### Absences:

Lastly, if Trinity Academy decides to open school (delay or no delay) but you believe it is not safe for your family to drive to school that day, your child(ren) will receive an excused absence and thus teachers will provide every opportunity to make up missed work. As with any absence, please use the Attendance Change Request in Veracross to let us know why your child(ren) will not be in attendance that day.

## Baileywick Rd: (ice/snow conditions)

In the past, we have had to continue to cancel or delay school due to road conditions on Baileywick Road. With the curves of the road plus the amount of shade that falls on the road, Baileywick can remain dangerous to drive until plowed and appears to be very low on the priority list for the city, county, and/or state. Our attempts to increase the priority level of the road have not been successful; if you have any advice for how we can advocate for Trinity and increase the priority of the road, please let <u>Jane Currin</u> know.

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