

## **Adverse Weather and Emergency Closure**

To find out if the school is going to open, or if buses are running on a stormy day, please telephone the school Information Line 0370 054 4999 and use the School PIN number 02 2320, on which there will be a recorded message.

Please do not use this line to leave messages for the school.

You may also visit the Council Website,

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

On that page, you also have the option to sign up to receive email alerts when the school updates the closure status.

Head Teachers decide if and when schools should close due to bad weather or another emergency. In bad weather they will decide this after receiving information about local weather conditions. Please do not expect a message to be made very early in the morning, as the decision to close the school is complex, and depends on local weather conditions, bus companies, staff ability to travel to school, school lunch provision, and the decision of other local head teachers.

If your school transport is not running, and you decide to bring them to school then you are also responsible for the homeward journey, and must be contactable during the school day in case of an early school closure.

If, during the school day, the school decides to close, or send certain children home, because of a request from a bus company, you will be informed by telephone. If we are unable to contact you or your child's emergency contact we will keep the child in school, until you call us to make necessary arrangements to collect your child.

School transport contractors have been told not to allow children to walk home alone from drop-off points under any circumstances during extreme weather conditions. If you can't meet or arrange for your child to be met, the school transport will return them to a designated location – usually the school.

If you are concerned about local weather conditions contact the school. You may wish to collect your child yourself and are free to do so provided you make arrangements with the school.

### **Storm Addresses**

When there has been a severe snow storm during the day it may be prudent for pupils who live some distance from the normal bus routes not to attempt to reach their homes but to spend the night in alternative accommodation nearer school. It is the parent's responsibility to inform school about any pupils who may be at risk in such situations and to provide the name and address of a relative or friend who is willing to provide overnight accommodation.

To enable us to make easy contact with parents, the school would appreciate if any changes of address, telephone number or circumstances is notified in writing to the School Office. It is also important that the school has details of an Emergency Contact should it prove impossible to get in touch with parents in the event of an emergency.