



Emergency Closure Plan

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Rationale

Exceptional circumstances may result in the school being unable to open at its normal time or necessitating an early closure. It is essential for all stakeholders to be aware of our contingency plans in the event of an emergency closure or if the school is unable to open.

Please note that the school will only close if the building or routes home are deemed unsafe. In cases of predicted extreme weather conditions, we will collaborate with Police Scotland, the Scottish Government, the council's emergency planning team, and the MET Office weather alerts to provide specific guidance.

Aim

Our primary focus is the safety of learners and staff at all times. We strive to minimise any potential disruption to education for our pupils.

Adverse Weather and School Closure

The following information summarises the Severe Weather Contingency and emergency closure plan.

Closure before the start of the school day due to severe weather

If the school needs to close before the school day begins, we will inform you through the following channels:

- A message will be posted on the school's website and Instagram. We will update these platforms with information as promptly as possible throughout the day.
- A text message and email will be sent to all parents whose contact details we have on file and are up to date.

Closure during the school day

In the event of severe weather conditions or an emergency closure, we will communicate information to parents and carers via:

- Email
- SMS text message
- Posts on the school's Instagram and website
- Telephone calls for pupils who require additional assistance traveling to and from school



Learners will remain with staff unless you have completed a permission form allowing them to be released by the school or if your young person is over 16. In the event of a school closure, parents and carers will be advised to contact the school or send a text/call to their child to confirm that they have permission to return home. Once staff have verified your communication, your child will be permitted to leave.

Parents should take the following preparatory actions:

- Ensure that contact details are kept up to date, particularly mobile telephone numbers.
- Discuss a plan of action with your child in case the school closes early, travel is disrupted, or the school does not open.
- Enlist the help of relatives or neighbours if there is a possibility that you will be unable to supervise your child should the school be closed.

In the circumstances outlined above, pupils are encouraged to use their Google Classrooms to access learning and teaching materials.