



Emergency and Adverse Weather Arrangements

Whilst every effort will be made to keep the school open, in certain circumstances, such as adverse weather conditions or the breakdown of essential services, a decision may be taken to close the school partially or completely. Where such a decision is made, the primary concern will be for the safety and well-being of pupils and staff.

Information about full or partial school closures, for example, a later start, or the early return of buses, can be found on School Closure Information page <http://schoolclosures.moray.gov.uk/>. In the event of a full or partial closure, we will update our Facebook page and, where possible, send a text message to parents. Please ensure that the office has up-to-date contact information for you. If you are worried about safety, please do not send your child(ren) to school. If weather conditions worsen during the day, you may wish to collect your child(ren) early.

In secondary school, we rely on pupils themselves knowing and understanding what they should do in an emergency or adverse weather situation. Parents are asked to ensure that their child(ren) knows what they should do in these circumstances.

Morning Transport

Pupils should not wait at the roadside more than 15 minutes after the usual pick-up time – should the bus not arrive they should return home. Please phone the school to let us that the bus has not arrived. If buses are not running due to poor road conditions, it would be unwise for parents to bring pupils to school as their return home cannot be guaranteed.

Early Closure

If weather deteriorates during the school day, a decision may be taken to send some or all the pupils home early. Where possible, parents will be advised by text message. In these circumstances pupils must not leave school unless they are certain there is someone at home to receive them. If a pupil is unsure, they should let the office know so that this can be checked. Please help us by ensuring that we have an up-to-date alternative/emergency contact name and telephone number in case we cannot contact you. If arrangements go wrong, a bus is missed, there is no-one to go to, or there is another problem, pupils should always return to reception. We will always do what we can to help a pupil. It is a wise precaution to make sure your child(ren) knows that messages can be left for them at reception.

Emergency Accommodation Arrangements

If you live outside of Lossiemouth, please ensure that alternative local accommodation is in place, and your child(ren) knows where to go in the event of the school being closed and it not being possible to get them home. Please also let the school know.