

Dear Parent/Carer,

Adverse Weather and School Closure

At this time of year it is important to consider and prepare for severe weather conditions for the coming term and have contingency plans in place if the school had to close in an emergency or was unable to open.

First of all I need to assure you that the school will only close if the building or routes home for young people are not safe. The following information is a summary of the Severe Weather Contingency and emergency closure plan.

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

If we were to close the school before school starts we will inform you in the following ways:

- A message will appear on the school's website (<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Barrhead>) and Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/BarrheadHighSch>) and we will update the website and Twitter with information, as far as possible, during the day.
- A text message and email will be sent to all parents, whose details we have and that are up to date.

Closure during the school day:

In severe weather conditions/emergency closure we will communicate information to parents/carers by:

- Email
- SMS text message
- Posting on the school Twitter feed and website
- Telephone for pupils who require additional help travelling to and from school

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

Parents should take the following preparatory action:

- Ensure that contact details are kept up to date, especially mobile telephone numbers.
- Discuss with your son or daughter, a plan of action should school be closed early, travel disrupted or the school not opening.
- Enlist the help of relatives or neighbours if there is a likelihood that you will be unable to meet or supervise your son or daughter should the school be closed.

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

Best wishes,

Fiona Johnston

Head Teacher