Cross Arthurlie Primary

ADVERSE WEATHER ADVICE

When we head into the winter months and weather conditions are changing, schools

and services can be affected for a variety of reasons. Please find important

information below to support you should we be faced with any severe weather

conditions over the winter months

**Safe Walking Routes**

In the event of snow or ice on the ground around the school we ask our school

community to take extra caution. In order to allow safe access to the school two paths

will be cleared from the front school gate running into the P3-7 playground with another path in the P1-2 playground, continuing along the front of the building to Reception. Children can use whichever entrance is most convenient for them.

**Severe weather conditions**

In the event of severe weather conditions, Head Teachers are guided by the

Education Department’s Standard Circular 10b. Following an assessment of the

situation, in consultation with relevant staff in the Education Department, a decision

will be made on whether or not to close the school. If this should happen, please

check our school website, East Renfrewshire Council’s website and Cross Arthurlie or East

Renfrewshire’s X (Twitter) feeds for the most up to date information. Please be advised

that should the school remain open then it is ultimately the parent’s

responsibility to ensure the safety of their children coming to and from school.

**Severe weather during the school day**

In the event that weather conditions deteriorate during the course of a day and we

are required to begin sending children home early from school the following

procedures will take place;

* We will put information on the school’s website and X (Twitter) account (@crossarthurliePS) about the arrangements for the closure. There will also be up to date information on ERC’s X (Twitter) page (@EastRenCouncil). It is really important that in the event of anysevere weather parents and carers make every effort to regularly monitor ERC’s and the school’s website. The website will be regularly updated with any important information.
* We will also text parents and carers with information on the school closure and refer you to the school and council’s websites.
* At this point we will start to evacuate the school.
* Parents who arrive at school will be greeted at the main entrance by a member of staff who will then arrange for their child/children to join them to be taken home.
* Children will remain in classes until a large number have been collected by parents.
* Once the numbers have reduced sufficiently, remaining children will be brought to the Main Hall and supervised there. At this point, if we have not heard from parents or carers of remaining children, we will attempt to contact them or their emergency contacts.
* In very extreme circumstances, some pupils may not be able to get home and may have to remain in school beyond the school day. This situation will be discussed with parents and, with support of senior school staff and the Education Department, pupils will be accommodated in school until arrangements are put in place for their safe transport home.
* If you do need to communicate information to us in these circumstances, please use the email facility (schoolmail@crossarthurlie.e-renfrew.sch.uk) to try to avoid our phone lines becoming jammed.
* Please note that if your child uses MACS, they have their own procedures in placeand you would be required to communicate arrangements with them directly.

Should Cross Arthurlie require to remain closed for any period of time due to heavy snow or

other adverse weather conditions, please refer to the school website, East

Renfrewshire’s website and Cross Arthurlie or East Renfrewshire’s Twitter feeds. These will

be updated each morning, as early as possible, with all relevant information. Your child’s Google Classroom gives links to Curriculum links and other useful educational websites

that will allow your children to keep learning throughout this time.

Many thanks for your consideration and cooperation with these matters. If there is

anything that you would like to discuss with me regarding the information contained

in this please don’t hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fiona MacDonald

Head Teacher