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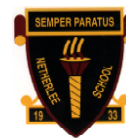
Adverse Weather Advice

As wintery weather may not be far off, I thought it wise and hopefully helpful, to give you the annual adverse weather information in case we are faced with any severe weather conditions over the coming weeks and months. Please note this information is also available on our website, via the "Adverse Weather" link on the right hand side of the website's landing page.

- **If the weather should deteriorate rapidly during the night** then the decision to close the school/ nursery may be taken before we open in the morning. If this should happen, please check our school/ nursery website, East Renfrewshire Council's website and Netherlee and East Renfrewshire's Twitter feeds for the most up to date information. Please be advised that should we remain open, it is ultimately your own responsibility to ensure the safety of your children coming to and from school/ nursery and also whether you feel that your personal circumstances make it safe, or not, for your child to attend that day.
- **In the event of snow**, it would be useful if the children walk to school/ nursery whenever possible as driving conditions are especially tricky during inclement weather and anyone getting stuck in snow will cause major disruption in the area. Of course everyone's safety must come first therefore please take your time to get your child here safely and please don't worry at all about them being late.
- **In the event of the school/ nursery being open but there is lots of snow or ice on the ground**, the janitor will endeavour to clear paths as quickly as possible. The priority path, which will be cleared first, will be the path running from the gate at the pavilion, the short distance to the Acorns nursery building and then running to the ramp in order to give access to the school and nursery buildings. This path will then continue across the full length of this (P6/7) playground running to the Saplings nursery building as well as the "cage" entrance door to the school. As such, I would ask that all pupils from nursery and from P1-7 use these paths in order to enter the building(s) when the ground surface is very snowy or icy and until other paths are cleared over the course of the day.
- **In the event that weather conditions deteriorate during the course of a day and we are required to begin sending children home early**, we will send a text message and also an email. (Please ensure we have your current mobile number and email address.) This information will also be put immediately onto our website. Please note that each establishment has a unique location and set of circumstances so if you hear that other schools or nurseries in the area are sending children home, **please wait until you hear from us directly** regarding this. **It would be very helpful if you avoided phoning us to see if we are closing as this causes the lines and system to backlog, causing us great difficulty in getting communication out swiftly to you.** If this notification is given by us, please don't panic at all but it would be helpful if you were able to get to the school/ nursery as soon as possible bearing in mind your own safety at all times. It is also very important for you to note, at 3.15pm, we will allow all school children from P4-7, who haven't yet been collected and who normally make their own way home at the end of the day, to do so if we have not had communication from you during the day requesting us to hold onto them beyond the end of the day. This is of course to ensure that children who are expected to arrive home shortly after this time do so, avoiding any undue concern. I would also recommend that you make arrangements for your child to have a local, trusted person (eg neighbour, friend) who they know to go to if you yourself are unexpectedly not at home due to the weather and/or traffic conditions. It may be advisable for you to discuss this with your child to ensure that they know what to do straight away if they arrive home and you are not there. This is an optional, personal arrangement, but I should stress that we will not be able to allow neighbours or friends to collect children, on your behalf, if we have not had




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communication from you, giving permission for this during the day. If you do need to communicate information to us in these circumstances, please use the **email facility** (email address at the top of this letter) and please avoid using the phone if at all possible to help ensure that the phone lines do not become jammed. As I'm sure you will understand, I also have a duty of care to my staff, and as such must request that we are only asked to hold onto any children beyond the end of the normal day, if there is no other option for the safety of your child. This is to allow me to send my staff home as early as possible; ensuring I keep their safety in mind too. Thank you.

- **Please note that if your child uses any private "after school service provider"**, it will have its own procedures in place and you would be required to communicate arrangements with them and us individually.
- **Should Netherlee require to remain closed for any period of time** due to heavy snow or other adverse weather conditions, please refer to our website, East Renfrewshire's website and Netherlee and East Renfrewshire's Twitter feeds. These will be updated each morning, as early as possible, with all relevant information.
- **Our website gives links to many useful general and stage specific educational learning** resources that will allow your children to keep their little brains ticking over should they, and you, get tired of playing and having fun in the snow! If, in the unlikely event that we have an extended period of school closure due to extreme weather, further communication would be shared with you in relation to this. 

Many thanks for your consideration and cooperation with these matters. I, like you I'm sure, really hope that we don't need to put any of this in place. However, I felt it was sensible to give you time to make the necessary forward planning just in case.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss with me regarding the information contained in this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me via the usual email address.

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