



Emergency Closure Information *Primary 2*



It's getting to the time of year where it is possible that severe weather may make it necessary to close the school. This booklet is designed to give parents/carers all the information that they will need under these circumstances.



What should the children bring to school in severe weather conditions?

Most children enjoy playing in the snow. However, they don't enjoy sitting in wet clothes so it's really helpful if they can bring a spare pair of socks, indoor shoes, wellingtons and a warm waterproof jacket.



Why would the school need to be closed?

North Lanarkshire schools will only be closed in circumstances where there are justified concerns for the safety of pupils and staff. The decision to close the school is made in consultation with members of the North Lanarkshire Learning and Leisure directorate.

How will we know that the school has been closed?

Information about school closures can be found on:

The North Lanarkshire website - www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk
(click on "Winter services" then on "Winter schools daily update")

Twitter - @NLCWinter and @NLCPeople

Facebook - @NLCFacebook

The school website – www.kildrum.n-lanark.sch.uk

Local radio

Plans may alter with changing circumstances and these media sources should be monitored for up to date information.

In the event that the school is required to close early an attempt will be made to text parents/carers. However, when every school in North Lanarkshire texts at the same time messages may not get through. Please ensure that you keep checking the media listed above. If you do get a message it would be helpful if you would let other parents know what is happening.

Please ensure that the school office has up to date mobile phone numbers for you and all emergency contact.

What happens when the school has to close early?

Parents/carers will be asked to collect their children. All children must be collected by their parents/carers or one of their emergency contacts. This means that we are not allowed to send children home with their friends' parents unless they are listed as one of their emergency contacts. Therefore, parents/carers may wish to up date the school office with details of emergency contacts.

School staff will remain in the school until all children have been collected.



How can learning continue during school closures?

It is possible for children to continue to learn while they are off school. If they have access to a computer there are many resources that can support learning.

Some ideas can be found on:

The North Lanarkshire website - www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk
(click on "Schools and Learning" then "More about our schools" then "School policies and guidelines" and then "School Closures")
The school website – www.kildrum.n-lanark.sch.uk

Playing is a valuable learning experience so, if it's safe, go and play in the snow: build a snowman, go sledging, take some photographs but remember to wrap up warm.

The following page contains ideas on how you can support your child's learning while they are away from school. This information is specific to their class.

What do I do if I have more questions?

Please contact the school: 01236 632098

Send a Dojo message



Literacy



- Write a story – ‘Jack Frost is at my Window’. Remember include an opener – when and where, describe Jack using adjectives, how does he spread his frost, how did you feel, what happened first, what happened next, how did the story end.
- Write a snow poem using ‘oa’ and ‘ow’ phonemes.

Numeracy

- Put prices on your toys from 1p to 19p. Get a selection of 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p coins and play at shops buying with the correct coins and giving change from 20p.
- There are 5 pairs of gloves and 4 pairs of wellies drying on the radiator. How many things altogether? Write word problems like this for your family to solve.
- Design a board game. Use 2 dice and add together to move round. Have some squares with instructions like, ‘Gritter has cleared the street – move on 4 spaces’, ‘Snow has fallen off the roof and blocked the door – move back 3 spaces’.

Health and Wellbeing

- Design a house made of snow. What would the windows be made of? How would the door open? How would you stay warm inside? Label and describe your design.
- Design an outfit to keep a dog warm and dry in cold and snowy weather.
- Make a ‘Snow Adventure’ comic. Tell your story by drawing a series of pictures and writing captions underneath.

Interdisciplinary

- Build a den with a friend or family member. Demonstrate your teamwork skills by taking turns, sharing responsibility and compromising.
- With an adult, find a recipe and make a pot of soup to keep you and your family warm.