



Emergency Closure Information *Primary 3*



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

1. Write 8 of your own comprehension questions based on the text. You could ask an adult to answer them!
2. Write a character description based on one of the characters.
3. Choose a picture you like from a magazine or newspaper and write a description about the picture or a story based on the picture.
4. Write a report or make a fact file based on a subject that interests you. Use non-fiction books or the internet.



Numeracy

1. Access the maths games on Sum Dog.
2. Help your parent/carer count items in the trolley at the supermarket or shops. Can you also work out the change?
3. Look closely at the 2D and 3D shapes around you, note down or take a photo of all the shapes you find?
4. Create your own target board for hundreds, tens and units and drop counters, buttons etc. What numbers can you make?

Health and Wellbeing

1. Get outside in the snow and make a snowman! (If it is safe to do so and with adult permission.) Remember to take a photo.
2. Challenge your friends or family to a snowball making competition. Who can throw the snowballs the furthest (Make sure you throw them in open and sensible areas.)
3. Help your parent or carer to prepare a warming and healthy snack or meal.
4. Write a set of instructions on how to prepare the snack or meal you made.

Interdisciplinary

1. Write a play and put on a show for your friends or family with the title 'Trapped in the Snow.'
2. Using junk materials from around the house – make a musical instrument. (Remember to ask first!)
3. Carry out a research project about the weather in Scotland over the 4 seasons. Create a fact file.
4. Go onto the 'Woodlands Primary' website and play the literacy and maths games. Listen to some of the online stories on this website.