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Dear Parent/Carer

Severe Weather – Emergency Closures

As the bad weather is likely to be approaching, I feel it would be advisable to remind you of the procedures that we have in place in the event of a school closure. The fundamental consideration when considering a school closure will always be the safety of pupils.

School closure before the beginning of the school day

In the event of a poor forecast the night before and severe conditions at the time, a decision may be taken early on a school day to close the school to all pupils. It is also possible that a decision may be taken to open the school only partially i.e. for those pupils who live locally, but not for those on school transport.

Any decisions will be communicated via the following sources:

- **Radio Tay** (used in all instances)
 - Frequency AM 1584 FM 96.4 - Perth only
 - Frequency AM 1161 FM 102.8 - Everywhere else
- **Perth and Kinross Council Customer Service Centre**
Parents/Carers should dial 01738 475000. Lines are open 08.00 hours to 18.00 hours however they may operate from 07.00 in exceptional circumstances
- **Perth & Kinross Website** www.pkc.gov.uk or www.pkc.gov.uk/schoolclosures
- **Perth & Kinross Twitter and Facebook** www.pkc.gov.uk/socialmedia
- **Radio Heartland** (only used for widespread weather conditions)
 - Frequency FM 97.5
- **Radio Forth** (only used for widespread weather conditions)
 - Frequency AM 1548 FM 97.3

School closure during a school day

In the event of weather forecast or conditions worsening significantly during a school day, a decision may be taken to send pupils home early. In many cases this will be because the bus companies have contacted the school to inform us that they require to transport pupils to rural locations. Such pupils, who are transported to school by contract bus, will be sent home first, then, if necessary, pupils who live locally will also be sent home. If it is unlikely that there would usually be someone at home at an earlier time, I would encourage you, over the forthcoming cold period, to make alternative care arrangements.

Should severe weather conditions continue, the school may remain closed for more than one day however, a separate decision will be taken each morning and parents should therefore re-check the above listed sources on any subsequent days.

Yours faithfully

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