

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF SCHOOL – SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Please note that it is essential that we have an up to date contact number (including mobile where possible) for parents at all times.

Decision to close during school hours

If it is necessary to close the school during the school day because of severe weather we will use the contact details you have given us to ensure your child is returned home safely. In the first instance we will send out a text to the child's main contact mobile phone. Please confirm receipt of this message. This will allow us to direct follow up phone calls to those who have not received the text.

Decision to close made outside of school hours.

You can obtain information about school closure from these sources:

1. Radio Tay will always have up-to-date information from 7.00a.m. and is updated every 20mins. (Frequency AM 1161; FM 102.8 and www.radiotay.co.uk)
2. You can also obtain information from Perth & Kinross Council information line on 01738 475000 available from 08.00 hours to 18.00 hours however this line **may** operate from 07.00 in exceptional circumstances.
3. You can also log onto www.pkc.gov.uk , and there is a 'one click' link from the 'Information for You' school closure section where you will get updates.
4. School staff **may** contact you by text if we are able to access school premises
5. PKC Twitter and Facebook www.pkc.gov.uk/socialmedia

In the event of the school remaining open during heavy snow, parents should make the decision of whether or not to send their child to school based on the safety of walking conditions on the roads and pavements; our school playground will be in a similar condition.

In the case of partial closure of the school due to localised severe weather please note the following points:

- 1 The school will not necessarily be closed to pupils if the contract buses do not run. If the teachers are in school village children should attend. Parents of children who attend school on placing request should make their own decisions about attempting the journey, taking into account road and weather conditions.
- 2 Parents of children who are conveyed on the contract buses should be aware that if they do not run and you subsequently decide to transport your children yourself, it will be necessary for you to collect them at the end of the day or earlier if weather conditions deteriorate rapidly.