

Arrangements for Emergency / Early Closure of School

Dear Dunbarney Parent/Carer(s),

It is that time of year when we need to be prepared for the weather changing for the worse and worst-case scenario, impacting school opening and closing.

Please keep these details somewhere handy for future reference.

Should there be severe weather prior to the start of a school day our Group Call Messages, Parent Council Facebook page (Dunbarney Parent Council, School page) and our school [website](#) feed will be updated and will intimate any school closure as soon as this information has been decided.

In addition to this, information regarding emergency closure due to storm, snow or flooding will also be available from the following sources: (It is important to note that Radio Tay will be used in all instances and that this should be the main source of information. The other information services will only be updated in the event that the severe weather is widespread and is not a localised situation.)

The information sources are as follows:

Used in all instances

Radio station		Location
Radio Tay	FM 96.4	Perth Only
	FM 102.8	Everywhere else

Only used for widespread weather conditions

Radio station	FM
Heartland FM	FM 97.5 in Highland Perthshire
	FM 107.3 in Lowland Perthshire

Radio station	FM
Radio Central	FM 103.1
Radio Kingdom	FM 95.2, 96.1, 96.6, 105.4, 106.3

Social media

- Follow Perth and Kinross Council on [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) (@PerthandKinross)
- Find Perth and Kinross Council on [Facebook](#)

Perth and Kinross Council Customer Service Centre on 01738 475000

(calls are charged at the local rate) are available from 08:45 hours to 17:00 hours
Monday – Friday.

Remote Learning

Remote Learning will take place for all classes through Learning Journals. On the first day of closure, learning provision will be on Learning Journals by 10.30am. This will consist of one literacy activity, one numeracy activity and one HWB activity. If the school is closed for any more than a single day, then a live lesson will be scheduled (via Learning Journals) from day two onwards.

Live interactive teaching will start from day two, based on these recommendations:

Early Level (ELC/P1) – one remote learning experience per week

First Level (P2-5) – two remote learning experiences per week

Second Level (P6-P7) – three remote learning experiences per week

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
• Literacy activity. • Numeracy activity. • Health & Wellbeing Activity.	• Literacy activity. • Numeracy activity. • Health & Wellbeing Activity. ELC -P7 live and interactive lesson	• Literacy activity. • Numeracy activity. • Health & Wellbeing Activity. P6 -P7 live and interactive lesson	• Literacy activity. • Numeracy activity. • Health & Wellbeing Activity. P2 -P7 live and interactive lesson	• Literacy activity. • Numeracy activity. • Health & Wellbeing Activity.

School Closure during the School Day

Should the children already be in school and the weather conditions worsen, the school will always endeavour to remain open. Parents may make the decision to collect their child/ren from school early and should come to the School Office if this is their intention. You are the best judge when deciding whether weather conditions are likely to cause difficulty or danger for your children returning home.

In the unusual event of the school having to close during school hours, the school office will communicate this to parents/carers by email and our, Parent Council Facebook page (Dunbarney Parent Council, School page) as well as our school [website](#) .

Parents should then come to the School Office to collect their child/ren. No child will be sent home to an empty house. The school will not close until the last pupil and staff member has left it.

Entrance to School

As with previous years we will have one entrance and exit into the building kept clear during severe weather conditions. Our Janitor will attempt to keep a path along the length of the playground clear but if weather is severe all pupils should enter and exit from the school via the main school door. A member of the Senior Management Team or School Teaching Staff will be at this door. All other gates will be open, but paths not cleared. Please take care if weather is icy as our paths can be extremely slippery. Nursery children should also enter through this door during periods of severe weather.

Staff Car Park during Periods of Extreme Weather

As at all times of the school year the use of the staff car park for parent parking or entering the playground is not permitted. Snow clearing and emergency vehicles always require access. Parents must not park in this area as it is restricted to staff only. Please adhere to these rules to keep all service users safe. Please note it is permitted for parents and carers to use the car park after school hours (3:45 pm) for pick up from clubs etc.

Suitable Clothing

Over the coming months we are unsure how or what the weather may do and would like to take this opportunity to remind all pupils that they should come to school suitably dressed for the weather. The children will have opportunities to go outside and play but this may be limited depending on the safety of the playground. Senior Management Team and Support Staff will assess the playground daily and determine the activities suitable.