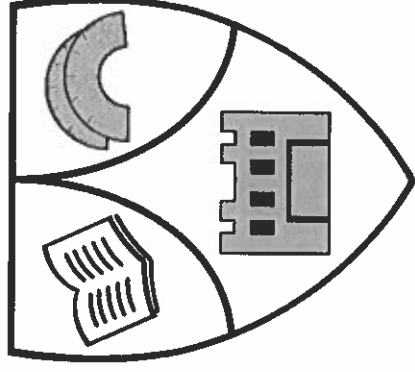


Emergency Closure of Schools - Severe Weather Conditions

Guidance for Parents



Ruthvenfield Primary School

'Hardworking, Happy and Confident'

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Service	Contact Details	When Used	Other Comments
Radio Tay Am	Not applicable	All Instances	Frequency AM 1584 and 1161
Radio Tay Fm	Not applicable	All Instances	FM 96.4 and 102.8
PKC Customer Service Centre – Number for Parents	01738 475000 (main Council line)	All Instances	Available from 08:45 hours to 17:00 hours Mon – Fri,
PKC website	www.pkc.gov.uk	All instances	Parents/Carers can find closure updates on the Perth & Kinross Council website by logging onto www.pkc.gov.uk where closures will be flagged up on the Home page, or alternatively access the information on http://www.pkc.gov.uk/school-closures
PKC Twitter and Facebook	www.pkc.gov.uk	All instances	
Radio Heartland	Not applicable	Widespread conditions	FM 97.5, 106.6 Used if schools closed are within an area known not to receive Radio Tay signal
Radio Central	Not applicable	Widespread conditions	FM 103.1 Used if schools closed are within an area known not to receive Radio Tay signal

How will I find out if the School is closed?

In *all* instances of school closure due to severe weather a broadcast will be made on Radio Tay. The PKC Customer Service Centre, the council's website, 'Twitter' and 'Facebook' accounts will also be able to give details. When **widespread conditions** exist across Perth and Kinross broadcasts will also be made by Radio Heartland and Radio Central.

How will I know how long the school will be closed for and when it will reopen?

Information about the duration of closure is likely to only be available when 'blanket closure' due to **widespread conditions** exists.

When **locally severe conditions** exist, a text message about reopening will be sent from school when a member of staff can make access to the premises. This will usually be between 8.00-8.30am on the day of reopening.

Disruption to School Lunches during severe weather

Our school meals are delivered from Letham Primary School. It is possible that in unusual circumstances, Ruthvenfield may be open when Letham is closed due to severe weather. If this occurs we will contact parents to advise as soon as the information becomes available. This will be by text message.

What happens if the school has to close due to severe weather during the day?

Contact will be made with the main contact on the emergency contacts list via text message to inform of impending closure due to severe weather. School will then contact parents of those not collected by telephone.

What if I cannot get to the school and it is closing during the day?

Please begin to plan for this eventuality by keeping an emergency contact details up to date and nominating an emergency pick up person.



Which roads and pavements will be cleared?

The main route to school (U44) from the A85(T) Castlebrae to the junction at West Huntingtower will be gritted as a Category 1b road. The Inveralmond road (U45) and pavements are not treated with grit as priority.

The Playground

A single safe access route to and from the school building will be cleared by council staff as a priority.

A risk assessment will be carried out by the Headteacher immediately prior to playtimes to assess the suitability of the grounds for outdoor play – ground conditions during severe weather can change significantly throughout the day.

Parent assistance is welcomed to clear play areas of snow and this should be organized via the parent council.

Please ensure that the emergency contact details held by the school are current and include mobile phone details.