



Adverse/ Extreme Weather Arrangements

A reminder to families that any school closure is posted first thing in the morning on Aberdeenshire Council school source website. The site is refreshed at 4pm each afternoon. Parents are advised to monitor any potential school closure using the following website.
<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/school-closures>

Adverse Weather School Transport

On days where road conditions may affect school, school transport operators will notify school if they will be running their bus/taxi or not. As soon as the school receives this information, then a notice will be posted on the school closures section of Aberdeenshire Council website. If there is bad weather first thing in the morning, pupils should wait at the bus pickup point no longer than 15 minutes beyond the official pickup time before returning home.

Early closure during the school day

General

In the event that the school has to close part way through the day due to worsening weather conditions then the following will be put in place.

- Parents will be notified via Groupcall Expressions – this is in the form of a text message to all parent contacts. Parents need to be available to pick up at the designated collection time. If this is not possible, then parents would need to email the school directly to advise who will be collecting their child. Please keep phone lines free. We would endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible.

Early bus departures

In the event of a closure part way through the school day, a text is sent to bus parents to ensure they will be at home to collect children off the bus. The bus will not depart school until we have heard from all bus parents. Bus parents – please ensure you are able to pick up messages so that buses can leave promptly.

Village pupils/ School Gate Collection – in the event of part way closure, we will set a collection time and classes will be dismissed as per their usual routine/ school gate.

Pupils walking home – Parental Permission We must account for the safety of all pupils. In the event of an early closure, any pupil walking home must have parental permission to do so. **Parental permission must be received through the attached E From now.** If parental permission is not granted pupils will not be released.

Please note, we aim is to minimise parents collecting children earlier than the set time as this complicates the organisation within school.

Aberdeenshire Council Website

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

You also have the option to sign up to receive email alerts when your school(s) updates their closure status. We recommend you set this up.

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/myAberdeenshire/>

If anyone has any queries regarding the information given above, please get in touch with the school.

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