

Adverse Weather Conditions

Parents

In adverse weather, it is school policy to remain open as long as it is safe to do so. We have found that, on occasions, opening at 9.30am has enabled all staff and pupils to reach school safely and it has helped us to remain open every day. The following will provide information for pupils and parents/carers. If a pupil comes by school transport the parents are advised that, if it is not running, pupils should stay at home unless you are confident the pupil will be able to get back home safely.

Emergency Closure During the School Day - Occasionally when weather conditions deteriorate during the school day, transport may have to take pupils home early. In this instance pupils in the ASN Wing require an emergency address (as close to your own home as possible) as a safeguard.

1. Aberdeen City Council Website

- <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/closures>
- There are 4 closure states:
 - Closed to everyone
 - Partially closed: see comments
 - Closed to pupils
 - Closed to school transport pupils only

Nowadays this is the most reliable way of finding out whether our school is closed. This will normally be updated by 7.00am.

2. The School Website and Twitter

- www.bucksburnacademy.org.uk
- @BucksburnAcad

3. School Information Line

- Telephone the **School Information Line: 0870 054 1999**.
- You will require the **School PIN No.: 011010**

0870 calls can cost up to 10p per minute from a land line and up to 40p per minute from a mobile.

4. Group Call and School App

- A group-call message will be sent to all staff and parents/carers.
- Please ensure you advise the school of your mobile number.
- On the Bucksburn Academy App – download the app by searching ‘SSA’ (Apple) or SSA secondaryschoolapp (Android)

5. Preparation for Adverse Weather

1. Caretaker staff will ensure that there is a designated safe route into the school including access to separate teaching annexes.
2. They will endeavour to start clearing subsequent routes into the school but this will be dependent on other priorities and having adequate staffing capacity.
3. Sufficient emergency exits will be salted to enable the safe evacuation of the school.
4. Please note, please take extra care in the car park as it may be icy.
5. Staff, pupils, parents and visitors should therefore exercise care on all untreated surfaces during periods of ice and snow.