

## **SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION AND/OR POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE**

In anticipation of adverse weather conditions, I would like to remind everyone of our procedures. Severe weather can result in school closures due to both pupils and staff being unable to come to school, experiencing difficulties in getting home or due to loss of services, e.g. power failure.

The most up to date information can be found on the Midlothian Council website:  
[www.midlothian.gov.uk](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk)

Midlothian Council updates the website whenever a decision has been made, gives details of when to expect further information and notifies the radio stations below:

**Forth 1 - 197.3fm, Forth 2 - 1548am, Heart FM – 100-101fm, Black Diamond FM –107fm**

Radio Forth also update their website very frequently throughout the day:  
[www.forth2.com](http://www.forth2.com) and [www.forthone.com](http://www.forthone.com)

If Bonnyrigg Primary School is not mentioned on Midlothian Council's website, or the radio, then the school is open.

If you make a decision not to send your child to school because of concerns regarding the weather, please phone the school on 0131 271 4570, as soon as possible. Please avoid phoning the school to check if it is open as this ties up lines which may be needed for an emergency.

Unexpected or Unplanned Closures: If it becomes necessary to close the school during a school day we will text you, or your contacts, to arrange for your child to be collected. If arrangements cannot be made, school staff will stay with the pupil until the end of the school day. Decisions taken will give paramount importance to the welfare and safety of the children and staff. Please ensure that the school has your most current contact details, and emergency contact details.

- Staff in school will liaise with staff in the After School Club in this event
- When you, or a designated adult comes to collect your child, please come to the front door (nursery door on a Friday afternoon) to sign your child out

### Access to School on Icy/Snowy days

At Bonnyrigg, to help provide safe access to school on icy/ snowy days, please refer to the adjacent plan, showing the footpaths which will be cleared by facilities staff.

The janitor will try and assess the playground on a daily basis.

Children should enter by the nearest cleared doorway and then access their own area from inside the building, including Nursery pupils. The three prioritised routes will be at the lower atrium entrance, nursery entrance and the Front entrance to the school. We would rather children arrived a few minutes late, than line up outside. Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately as we try to let them play outside if at all possible.

