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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of what to expect if we have to close due to adverse weather conditions:-

**From 7.45am:**

- A message will be left on SchoolsCall advising you of closure. Telephone **0871 971 2783**
- Flintshire County Council will have been contacted and details of school closures can be found on [www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk). This will have "Emergency School Closure Alerts" section at the top of the page.
- **BBC Radio Wales** and **Heart FM** will also have been contacted so you could listen out for announcements on these stations.
- A message will be left on the school website [www.ewloegreen.co.uk](http://www.ewloegreen.co.uk)
- Other information may also be found on the Council's Twitter feed @flintshirecc (<http://www.twitter.com/flintshirecc>)

With kind regards,

Mrs R. Dyas  
Headteacher

# **IMPORTANT PARENT/GUARDIAN/PUPIL INFORMATION**

## **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE NOTIFICATION NEW PROCEDURE FOR FLINTSHIRE SCHOOLS FROM NOV 2010.**

### **Parents/guardians and pupils who are able to access the internet from home.**

Flintshire County Council has reviewed the current procedure for notifying parents/guardians and pupils when schools need to close at short notice due to adverse weather conditions or other emergencies, such as a gas leak etc. A new procedure has been developed to enable head teachers or nominated back up staff to enter emergency/unplanned school closure details directly onto the Flintshire Website at their earliest convenience via internet access.

The reason for this change of procedure is to ensure speed and accuracy of information, by having all emergency school closure notices in the one place. Parents etc. can then check the one source for all schools closed, especially where siblings are attending different schools. **(Please note schools may still use their own method also for supplying closure information i.e. School Website, Schools Call Voice mail service etc.)**

In order to find the Flintshire County Council webpage in times of severe weather emergencies etc. that could affect schools opening, please visit the website Home page [www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk). This will have 'Emergency School Closure Alerts' section at the top right of the page which will show a summary of how many schools have had to close at short notice and when the information was last updated. By clicking on 'View more information' this will direct you straight to the webpage with the full information details entered by the head teacher or the nominated back up staff. [www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)

Next to each school click on the small icons to expand and minimise the additional information.

This new procedure will also automatically update the Council's Twitter feed @flintshirecc (<http://www.twitter.com/flintshirecc>) to help provide another channel for notification of school closures.

**Please Note:** At **5.00PM** each day the information on the school closure website page will be deleted automatically. Head teachers from **5.30PM** onwards, can then enter the next day's information regarding closure, if known in advance. Otherwise any new closure information will be entered early the following morning.

### **Parents/guardians and pupils who are unable to access the internet at home.**

a) Local radio stations will be advised to check the Flintshire web site for the latest information and they can then broadcast it accordingly. So those parents without internet access should listen to Radio Wales or Heart FM to find out the latest information.

b) For the Flintshire schools that have signed up to use Schools Call voice message facility, parents/guardians and pupils can phone the contact number supplied by Schools Call for the school, in order to listen to the message recorded by the school.

c) Or alternatively refer to schools own procedures for notifying parents without internet access.

#### **Additional: Future arrangements involving receiving notification by text message.**

Please note Flintshire County Council is currently working with Flintshire schools regarding use of text message notification for emergency closures. More information on this will be supplied at a later date for the schools that wish to take up this facility.

#### **School Transport – Bad Weather**

If your child/children are entitled to Free School Transport please refer to the School Transport webpage for information regarding bad weather conditions. Please visit [www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/schooltransport) or phone Flintshire's School Transport Team on 01352 702511/704543.

**For more information or help regarding the above, please contact Flintshire County Council's Directorate Improvement Unit on 01352 704261.**