



Adverse Weather Information

On rare occasions it is necessary to close the school due to bad weather. The decision to do so is taken by the Headteacher in consultation and this information must then be disseminated quickly to those who need to know.

The decision to close the school is made by the HT or in their absence the DHT. The prime consideration will be the safety and welfare of the children; adults bringing children to school; and the staff. Ideally a decision to close the school should be made as early as is practical on the day and if at all possible by 7.30am.

The company providing the school bus service will independently make its own decision whether or not to run. The Headteacher cannot influence this decision but will take this into account when deciding whether or not to close the school. If the Headteacher decides to close the school, they will contact the school bus service as soon as possible.

The Head teacher will ensure the following are notified:

- Vale of Glamorgan LA
- Chair of Governors
- Staff including MDSs and School Cook
- Bus Company
- Parents through Email, Text, website and Twitter
- Breakfast Club

Where possible, the Headteacher/Caretaker will arrange for the gates to remain locked with a notice of the decision to close.

If in doubt as to whether the school is open or closed, please check your text/emails, or online via:

School Website www.standrewsweb.com

Local Authority www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Twitter.com @standrewsmajor

Facebook St Andrews Major Primary School



Additional information for pupils who travel on the school bus.

Vale of Glamorgan Council Adverse Weather Procedures for Schools states that:

“Where a transport contractor or operator is unable to provide transport in the morning because of severe weather conditions, no contract transport will be provided in the afternoon. Parents who are able to convey their children to school in the morning in lieu of the normal transport arrangements should be advised that they must assume responsibility for getting their children home in the afternoon as no contract transport will be available. Just because the transport provider is unable to operate does not mean that the school should close. Transport operators may be based and staffed outside the Council area and may be more affected by weather conditions than schools within the area.”