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Dear Parent/Carer

ADVERSE WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURES

As the first snow of this academic year falls, it's time to update pupils and parents with details of the process of adverse weather snow closures.

It is always with extreme reluctance that the school is closed due to weather. Much as I enjoyed snow days as a child, there is no one more determined than a headteacher trying to keep the school open! However, as Culloden Academy has a large number of pupils who are bussed to school, unlike the associated primary schools, it is school transport which largely determines whether the school is open or closed. If I am advised early that it isn't safe for school buses to run, then the school will be closed and learning moved online. I can appreciate that transport only impacts approximately half the pupils in the school but to run a hybrid model for the day isn't equitable. It also, usually, isn't possible to have a later opening as school buses fulfil service timetables for the remainder of the day. I understand only too well the frustration of having to make a 'snow day' closure decision very early in the morning following advice and then watching the roads clear and blue skies appear but unfortunately, I can only go with information available at the time.

In the event of a closure, work will be posted on all Google Classrooms and staff will be available for pupils to contact via school Gmail.

Pupils, parents and staff will be informed of a school closure as soon as possible via text messages to parents and staff and updates on the school website and Facebook page, The Highland Council website and MFR. Please can you ensure that your contact details are up to date.

Finally, I hope that there are no adverse weather closures this session but if there are, I will work to ensure that disruption to learning is, as far as possible, kept to a minimum.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Claire McGonigal
Head Teacher