



**EDUCATION, LEISURE & HOUSING
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Adverse Weather arrangements Friday 26th November

You may be aware that the Met Office have issued an Amber weather warning for tomorrow from 3pm. School transport has to be cancelled during an amber warning, therefore, Orkney Islands Council have taken the decision to ask school buses to pick up pupils at approximately 1pm tomorrow; this should give enough time for all school transport runs to be safely completed by 3pm.

Schools will be closed to all pupils from 1pm, including those who do not use school transport. Pupils who live in Hoy and Graemsay should not attend school tomorrow. If this applies to your child, please ask them to consult Microsoft Teams for any work they have missed.

Details of the amended timings for the day are below. Period 5 Activities is cancelled. Pupils will have periods 1-4 lessons but timings will be amended to allow all pupils the opportunity to have lunch before leaving school. **Orkney College classes are running as normal** from 9:00-12:00. If your child normally makes their own way home after college, please make arrangements with them for this to happen safely. If your child normally returns to school after college for Activities, they should get the bus back to the Academy as normal. We will ensure the Dining Hall remains open until college pupils have arrived back in school, but they may only have time for a sandwich or hot roll rather than a full meal.

At 12:45 we will start our bad weather procedure which ensures that every pupil is accounted for and gets onto the right bus. This procedure has been practiced with pupils this week so they should know what to do. I would ask for your support in reinforcing to your child that they must follow the procedure and go to their allocated room to be registered and only go to the bus when taken their by a teacher. Pupils deciding to deviate from this will cause delays for others.

If there is any reason why your child will not be getting on their allocated school bus, please contact the school office by 11:00am on Friday to clarify what they will be doing at 1pm. This will ensure that registers can be updated, bus departures are not delayed and everyone can get home safely.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Jane Partridge, Head Teacher



Timings for Friday 26th November

Altered timings – School Day finishing at 1:00 due to adverse weather

S1-3		S4-6	
8:50	Period 1	8:50	Period 1
9:35	Period 2	9:35	Period 2
10:25	Period 3	10:20	Break
11:15	Break/Lunch Leave Dining Room by 11:45 to allow for cleaning	10:35	Period 3
12:00	Period 4	11:20	Period 4
12:45	Go to the toilet if you need to before getting on the bus. Collect everything you need to take home with you (bag, coat, cookery from HE). Go to your Bad Weather classroom to register. Remain there until your teacher is called to escort you to your bus.	12:05	Lunch If you need to go to the toilet, please do that during lunchtime so that you arrive at your Bad Weather classroom on time.
		12:45	Return to School Building. Collect everything you need to take home with you (bag, coat, cookery from HE). Go to your Bad Weather classroom to register. Remain there until your teacher is called to escort you to your bus.