



Shankhill C of E Primary School

*Our vision: Creative learning, personal achievement and happiness.
Enabling everyone to flourish and 'to live life in all its fullness'. (John 10:10)*

Emergency Closure Information for Parents

Shankhill C of E Primary School may be closed to children at short notice due to a number of circumstances, for example:

- Problems with heating or electricity
- Problems due to water leaks
- Problems due to inclement weather

Please keep this information in a safe place for easy reference.

CLOSURE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

A decision to close the school will generally be made by 8.00am. The school text message system will be used to notify parents in the first instance, and may be followed up by a phone call from staff, Facebook and twitter message. It is important that as few people as possible phone school between 7.30am and 8.30am so that staff and bus companies are able to provide vital information.

Parents are encouraged to sign up to Cumbria County Council's update system on:

http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/school_closures/ or https://secure3.cumbria.gov.uk/school_closures/rss.xml

This will keep you informed of school closures as soon as they are announced by the school. Radio Cumbria has access to this information and will also announce school closures as soon as they are made, so please listen for announcements on there as well.

PROBLEMS WITH THE BUSES

There are occasions where sufficient school staff are able to get to school but the buses are either not running or running a reduced service. As soon as individual bus companies have made the decision not to run their service, they will contact parents and school to inform them of this. If you are unsure whether your bus is running, please contact the provider directly. On these occasions, parents must make their own decision as to whether it is safe to bring their child to school. **If you transport your child to school, you must also collect them at the end of the day.**

CLOSURE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

We will only close the school if the situation is very severe. The school text message system will be used to notify parents in the first instance, and may be followed up by a phone call from staff to ensure that each pupil can reach home safely. The children will remain supervised in school until they are collected. It is important that parents keep school up to date with their contact numbers. Parents who are concerned about local conditions are welcome to collect their children from school. Please note that booked school dinners will have to be paid for.

EVACUATION OF THE SCHOOL

In extreme cases (fire, water damage, Calor gas leak, safeguarding), it may be necessary to evacuate the school building. If this is ever needed, we have arranged to walk to New Pallyards Self Catering Accommodation. Details of the location can be found at <https://www.discovercarlisle.co.uk/Stay-Over/new-pallyards> and the satellite navigation location is CA6 6HZ. Once there we will use the text and phone system to notify parents and arrange collection.

"This school continues to be good... maintains good quality education... pupils gain a sense of achievement from their lessons... they display excellent attitudes towards their learning... behaviour in lessons and around school is impeccable... Staff are welcoming and inclusive... strong Christian values are promoted well... (results) well above that of other schools nationally" Ofsted 2019
Staff "strive to ensure that pupils are happy, while making education fun and enjoyable." Parent View 2018

