

Unexpected/Severe Weather Closures & Transport Disruption

There can be a number of winter days where the weather causes disruption to schools and school transport. It is important to ensure that the school has your up-to-date contact details in order to inform you of any during the day closures. Information on school closures and transport disruption can be obtained as follows:

Early morning:

- A new OIC School Transport Facebook page is available at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/OIC-School-Transport/166554563483929> - this will be your first stop for information on school closures and transport changes.
- The Facebook page and Twitter feed are both updated as soon as information is available. This can be as early as 6.30am to assist isles daily travellers in planning their travel. Information and links to these sites are available at: <http://www.orkney.gov.uk/Council/O/OIC-Updates.htm>
- School closure information is passed to BBC Radio Orkney and broadcast on the programme at 7.30am (93.7 FM). Radio Orkney will be notified if there is disruption to transport and/or school closures. However detailed information on specific routes will not be provided.
- Information on school closures and transport disruption is also provided on the OIC answer phone (01856 873535).

Note: In bad weather conditions it is very difficult to obtain individual route information to advise parents whether the school bus on their route is running that morning, as this will depend on the local weather and road conditions. We therefore are only able to advise whether there will be disruptions to school transport in general. Parents are best placed to know the road conditions in their area and this will guide their decision whether to put their child out for school transport and how long they wait.

Throughout the school day:

- Schools will contact parents if the school is closing or transport is running early. At KGS this is usually done through text messaging.
- Local media (Radio Orkney, The Orcadian) will also be notified of any disruption during the day.