



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School

Information for parents regarding school closures

RATIONAL

Emergency or critical incidents which may occur in any school and which affect pupils, teachers, parents or the school site and have a direct impact on operational ability.

This information is to make parents aware of these types of incidents and the school's response to them. The way that the school will communicate with parents is also included.

TYPES OF INCIDENT

Natural disasters, flood, storm, fire
Medical food poisoning, meningitis, pandemic flu
Major accident chemical spillage, transport, explosion
Off-site outdoor education, road traffic accident
Human terrorism, violence, serious injury, death

RESPONSES TO INCIDENTS

1. Evacuation from building / site (e.g. fire on site, bomb threat)
2. Lock down (e.g. swarm of bees, intruder in grounds, and other danger in grounds)
3. Closure of school (e.g. adverse weather, medical issues, failure of gas or electricity supplies or key issues in school e.g. heating)
4. Accident / injury – on site or off site
5. Pastoral care e.g. death / injury of a member of the school community or their family

KEY ROLES

The HT and senior staff are responsible for ensuring that incidents are managed in a way that maintains the health, safety and well-being of all.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

These are ways in which you will be informed of emergency closures and subsequent re-opening of the school or other emergency situations.

Bearwood website - www.bearwood.poole.sch.uk

Tucasi – www.scopay.com

We urge all parents to register their email address and mobile phone numbers with Tucasi. The text message is a very straightforward way for the

school to advise parents quickly of unexpected changes e.g. School closure due to bad weather, or other emergencies in school, we would also use this method if there were any problems relating to school trips.

Borough of Poole school status report -

<https://selfservice.boroughofpoole.com/popup.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=gTVmVjuM2g1>

Heart Radio – 102.3 FM www.heartdorset.co.uk

In the unlikely event of children having to be evacuated from the building or site parents would be given information at the time regarding collection arrangements

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