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BRAE HIGH SCHOOL
"Wirk tagidder wi ean anidder"

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Dear Parents/Carers

SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

During severe weather it may not be safe for staff or pupils to travel to or remain in school.

Please remember – if you do not feel it is safe for your son/daughter to go to school, that decision will be respected, whether the school is open or not.

On some occasions a decision will be taken by the Executive Manager of Schools that all schools should not open. Where a central decision has been taken this will be announced on SIBC every 15 minutes, from early in the morning and also on Radio Shetland/Orkney.

The SMT liaise very closely with transport operators on how safe road conditions are and sometimes the Head Teacher will make a local decision not to open the school – this will also be announced on local radio and school buses will not appear. The announcement will also be made on the Shetland News Website at www.shetnews.co.uk. Parents can also follow alerts on twitter. A direct link to this can be accessed through our home page www.shetland.gov.uk click on twitter "follow@shetislandsCll" button at the top right corner of the home page.

In addition to these communication methods, we have a Brae High School – Secondary Department facebook page which should ensure parents receive notification of school closures as quickly as possible. If you have facebook, you can "like" or "allow notifications" through accessing the page.

Occasionally rapidly deteriorating conditions will lead to the school having to close during the school day at very short notice. All Secondary pupils should be clear about what arrangements have been made for them at home for these circumstances (having a key, going to the home of a neighbour, friend, relative etc.).

On any specific occasion where there are circumstances when a pupil is in doubt about what arrangements have been made (for example unable to contact parents):-

The pupil must make this known to a member of staff.

Staff will then make any necessary arrangements to ensure the pupil's safety.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Laehann Johnson
Depute Head Teacher