

Parents and Carers

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Dear Parent and Carers

You will be aware that the Met Office has issued [a red weather warning](#) for wind from 10am to 5pm on Friday 24th January. Further information can be found below:-

Areas affected: Central, Tayside & Fife | SW Scotland, Lothian Borders | Strathclyde

Starts: 10:00 GMT on Fri 24 January

Ends: 17:00 GMT on Fri 24 January

Very strong winds associated with Storm Éowyn causing very dangerous conditions and significant disruption on Friday - Flying debris resulting in danger to life - Very dangerous driving conditions with fallen trees on roads - Damage to buildings and homes, with roofs blown off and power lines brought down - Roads, bridges and railway lines closed, with delays and cancellations to bus, train, ferry services and flights - Power cuts affecting other services, such as mobile phone coverage - Large waves and beach material being thrown onto coastal roads, sea fronts and homes

This Red weather warning will be preceded and followed with Amber weather warnings [amber weather warning](#) for wind for Friday 24 January from:

06:00 – 10:00 GMT on Fri 24 January

17:00 - 21:00 GMT on Fri 24 January

As always, the safety of our young people, families and staff teams is paramount. In light of this, the decision has been taken to close all schools and early years settings. This is in alignment with other Local Authorities both regionally and nationally. This will include out of school childcare. We appreciate that this will have childcare implications for many of our families so we have tried to provide as much notice as possible. Head teachers and Heads of Centre will communicate with parents and carers about local arrangements regarding accessing learning at home.

With sincere thanks for your understanding.



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