Black Springs Public School
Snow Policy

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Aim: To define proceedings in the event of a snow fall which could possibly close the roads.

Procedure: There are two situations when snow could close roads.

OVERNIGHT SNOW
- If the bus drivers have been informed that the roads are closed as a result of overnight snow or make the decision that it is too dangerous to drive on the roads they will contact the Principal as early as possible in the morning.
- The parents of the children who travel by bus will then be informed by their bus driver that the buses are not running.
- In this case it is also likely to be impossible for the Principal or any other staff to travel to school.
- The parents of any children who live in the village will need to listen to radio 2BS (6331-7777) for notification that the road is impassable and therefore staff are unable to get to school. The school is therefore closed.
- Principal rings all town parents whose children do not go on the bus.

SNOW DURING THE DAY
- If snow falls during the day the staff at the school will contact Oberon Council to advise them of the level of snow fall in the area and to check as to whether the roads have become impassable.
- The school will contact the bus company to advise of snow falls in the area and to discuss and decide on whether to dispatch buses to collect students early.
- If the buses are not to be dispatched, communication will continue between the school and the bus company as weather conditions change.
- If the bus company personnel are not contactable, the school will communicate directly with the bus drivers.
- The staff at the school will contact all parents on their home/work numbers.
- Oberon Council will also keep the school up to date with any road closures via email.
- The children who travel by bus will be sent home on the buses.
- For those children who travel by private car, their parents will be asked to come to school to collect them.
- Those children who regularly walk to school will be sent home upon parent notification.
- Other necessary arrangements will be made by parents when they are contacted. In the event that a parent is unable to be contacted, the emergency contact person will be phoned to make suitable arrangements.
- The SED will be contacted and notified of decision to close the school.
- Council will be notified of decision to close the school.