



A.P. Low Primary School

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A.P. Low Primary School is a safe, inviting and supportive community. We are guided by a child-centered philosophy that fosters a cooperative, respectful learning environment.

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REMINDER: PLEASE BACK IN FOR SAFETY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District has approved a policy regarding the closure of schools due to weather or facilities issues.

Opening of schools may be delayed, closed for the morning session, closed for the afternoon session, closed for the full day or closed during the school day (depending on road conditions, windchill, power outages, heat failure, etc.). Some of these situations are new to parents in Labrador West. One aspect that has not changed is that the combination of temperature and windchill for closure K-3 remains -45°C or below. (Please note: decisions are based on local information from Environment Canada/AMEC Weather and may not be consistent with what you see/read from radio/tv/internet.)

In the event of a school closure, an announcement will be made through the local radio channels (CBC & Big Land), CRRStv channel 3, our school webpage (www.aplow.ca), and the NLESD School Status found on their website (www.nlesd.ca) found on the top, right-hand corner of page. There are several types of closure:

1. AM Closure
For an AM closure this announcement will be made by 7:00am with an update by 11:00am regarding the status of the afternoon session.
2. AM Delayed Opening
School opening may be delayed either 1 or 2 hours. This announcement will be made by 7:00am. The start of the bus runs will be announced at that time.
3. Closure during the school day
There are many examples of why it would be necessary to close a school while in session. For example, an unforecasted weather event that may affect transportation of students, an extended power outage or loss of heat, or a water break.

In these types of situations parents of students would be contacted to:

- a) make arrangements to pick up their child, either by you or an approved caregiver, or
- b) confirm that your child will take the bus to their normal stop.

The time that the school will be closed and bus runs will commence will be communicated via the aforementioned methods.

Please be advised that students will not be allowed to take a bus to a different stop or take a different bus home (other than previously approved applications).

We cannot emphasize the importance of providing the school accurate contact information during these challenging situations. It is not uncommon for a family to change their contact information, but forget to update their student demographic sheet. Please ensure that the emergency contact information on file with the school is current and that you provide several emergency contacts in the event we cannot reach you (i.e. cell phone service is not working).

Sincerely yours,

Dr. R. Neville,
Principal

Ms. T. Gale,
Vice-Principal

