

Adverse Weather & Emergency Closure Policy
St. Joseph's National School,
Moneygall, Birr, Co. Offaly.
Roll Number - 17003A
Patron – Bishop of Killaloe

Emergency Closure/ Adverse Weather Policy

During extreme weather conditions, the following procedures apply in our school:

1. We will attempt to keep the school open as long as we can safely get the children into the school buildings and that we have sufficient staff, heat and light.
2. Please assume that the school will open unless you are notified by text and/or Class DoJo Message that it is closed. Alerts regarding a closure will be sent at the earliest possible opportunity to allow you to make alternative arrangements. In many cases, it may not be possible to send a notice regarding closure until that morning.

Decisions in relation to school closures are very difficult to make. Conditions can deteriorate rapidly and therefore decisions regarding closures can often only be made that morning. We therefore ask for your patience on such occasions. All decisions will be made in good faith.

Emergency school closures may also be communicated through local radio & social media.

3. On days when the school is open, parents should exercise their own judgment on whether they can get their children safely to and from school. We will attempt to provide a safe pathway from the front gate to the school building on such days. It may be necessary to close or limit access to the yard.
4. On frosty mornings, please exercise extreme caution around the school. Footpaths and the carpark are particularly prone to ice.
5. If your child takes the bus, we ask that you give your contact details to the company/driver involved so that you are contactable by them. The school cannot be

responsible for decisions made by individual bus companies or drivers as to whether they will travel in inclement weather.

The same text that goes to parents in the event of school closure will go to the bus companies. Please note also that school buses (Bus Éireann) will not run in the event of any Status Red weather warning."

Ratification and Review

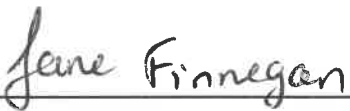
This plan was formally reviewed by the teachers, SNAs and the Board of Management of Moneygall NS in February 2025.

It will be reviewed as necessary.

Signed:  Date: 12 / 3 / 26

Henry Healy,

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed:  Date: 12 / 3 / 2026

Jane Finnegan,

Secretary, Board of Management

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