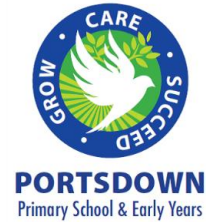


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Headteacher: Mr A Vaghela

Thursday 17th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

At 5.26pm I received communication from Portsmouth City Council advising us to close the school tomorrow (Friday 18th February 2022)

The council has been reviewing the latest intelligence with regard to Storm Eunice which is due to hit the area tomorrow morning. The highest intensity of winds are expected between 9.00 and 11.00 a.m. but it will be very windy throughout the day, particularly near the coast, and there is a risk of flying debris, localised flooding, damage to buildings, falling branches, etc. There will also be significant disruption to public transport.

Following the meeting of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Tactical Co-ordinating Group this afternoon, the storm has now been declared as a **Major Incident** and plans are in place to ensure we are fully prepared for tomorrow.

In light of the latest intelligence the council is recommending that schools take the precautionary measure of closing on Friday 18th February.

Closing the school is always the last resort but given our site is surrounded by tall trees and the building is of age, we have little option but to follow the Council's advice. I apologise for this late communication but I have only just been informed and the safety of your children has to come first.

This is a very sad way to end the half term but I hope you all have a safe and restful week.

Kind regards

Mr Ash Vaghela, Headteacher