

## KES INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

During inclement weather the school will remain open. Classes may be used for instruction, review, help session, etc. Inclement weather is an ***excusable absence***.

### KES PROCEDURES WHEN BUSES ARE NOT RUNNING

1. **If you live in town** and you choose to keep your children at home, you are to call or email and let us know they will be absent.
2. **If your children normally drive to school** and you choose to keep them at home, you are to call or email and let us know they will be absent.
3. **If your children come to school they cannot leave before the end of the day without being signed out at the office by a parent.**
4. **Parents of bus students** do not have to phone or email the school, as we will be informed of the absence by the bus driver or BTPS Transportation. If you are sending your children to school when buses are not running, it is your responsibility to transport them to and from school.

Any cancellations of bus routes due to inclement weather or other reasons will be posted on BTPS website ([www.btps.ca](http://www.btps.ca)). Bus drivers will notify parents if their bus is not running or if they are leaving school early due to inclement weather. **This should be your first point of information.** It is the parent's responsibility to communicate with their bus driver during inclement weather, to check the BTPS website frequently and to listen for radio announcements for any bus route cancellations.

### PROCEDURES WHEN BUSES ARE RUNNING

1. **Parents make the choice to send or not send** their children to school during inclement weather.
2. If parents choose to keep their children at home, they must call or email school and let us know they will be absent.

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### 701.11AP Inclement Weather Admin Procedures – Jurisdictional Bus Cancellations

A **jurisdictional decision** to cancel bus service will be made for the following reasons:

1. When the temperature is  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  or greater (with or without a wind-chill factor).
2. When special warning statements (excluding wind chill warnings) are issued by Environment Canada regarding specific weather warnings.

On mornings where the temperature is  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  or greater (with or without a wind-chill factor) Buffalo Trail Public Schools will cancel contract bus service. No school bus service will be provided for this day (a.m. and p.m. runs). This temperature reading will take place at 6:00 a.m. and the decision will be made based on the temperature and wind-chill at this time.

### 701.12AP Inclement Weather Admin Procedures – Jurisdictional Bus Cancellations

The **individual School Bus Contractor/Driver** may alter or cancel regular school bus service for the following reasons:

1. When inclement weather (i.e. road conditions, visibility, temperature) prevents the bus from safely transporting students.
2. When sudden storm conditions arise, and they must abandon completion of a morning or afternoon route.
3. When potentially dangerous storm conditions develop during school hours and buses must leave prior to normal dismissal time.

It is an expectation that all bus contractors/drivers will prepare themselves during inclement weather by communicating with parents as to road conditions along their bus route, physically checking their roads, and hold themselves in readiness for services in cases of pending extreme storm conditions.

**CLOTHING** - The Students **must** wear/carry with them proper winter attire.

For full policy details follow these links

[http://www.btps.ca/print/board/admin-procedures/Section 7 Transportation/701.11AP Inclement Weather AP.aspx](http://www.btps.ca/print/board/admin-procedures/Section_7_Transportation/701.11AP_Inclement_Weather_AP.aspx)

[http://www.btps.ca/print/board/admin-procedures/Section 7 Transportation/701.12AP Inclement Weather AP Bus Contractor Driver Based Bus Cancellations/default.aspx](http://www.btps.ca/print/board/admin-procedures/Section_7_Transportation/701.12AP_Inclement_Weather_AP_Bus_Contractor_Driver_Based_Bus_Cancellations/default.aspx)