Part 5 - School Policies & Procedures

Living and Learning School

5.31 Storm, Adverse Weather and Power Out Procedures

Storm Warning:

In the event that the principal is notified of a community or island-wide storm warning advisory that is in effect during the morning hours before regular school start time, the decision to open or close the school for the day will depend on safety and access to the school.

All teachers, TAs and the Principal may decide at their own discretion if they think it is unsafe for them to travel in order to get to school. Teachers and TA's will notify the Principal if they will not be able to make it to work, and the Principal will then decide if there are still enough teachers/TAs present to run the school day. Parent helpers or local subs may also be called to see if they are able to safely get to the school to help out. If no additional support is available but a minimum of 2 staff are present at the school, the school will remain open.

If a staff chooses to stay home because travel is unsafe but the school remains open, that staff will be paid for the day and it will come out of their allotted sick days for the year.

If ONLY one teaching staff is able to attend and no other parent helpers or subs can be found, then school will be canceled for the day.

Adverse Weather:

If there is a weather incident of another kind that makes travel to and from school difficult or dangerous (including roads inaccessible by snow) the same conditions will apply as for the Storm Warning event mentioned above.

Power Outage:

If the power is out at 8:00 am, school is cancelled for the morning but will resume at 12:00 if the power comes back on any time between 8-12:00. If the power has been out all morning and is still not on by 12:00 noon, school is also cancelled for the afternoon. If students arrive at school with the power on and at some point in the school day the power goes out, we will continue our day normally provided we can maintain a comfortable inside temperature. School will not be canceled and kids will not be sent home. You will be phoned if pick up is required.