



Building Inspiring Caring

CIRCULAR 2018 TL044

To: Parents/Guardians of all enrolled students  
Cc: Bursar

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## Weather Warnings

On several occasions in recent weeks there have been weather warnings that have prompted some confusion with some schools choosing to close and others not. We are aware this can be difficult for parents with work and family commitments to consider. At Blackwater we have been open on all of these occasions with the exception of the two days for Storm Ophelia when the Department of Education decided all schools should close.

In the instance of Storm Ophelia we made the decision quite early on the Sunday evening and had all parents informed prior to the late decision by DE. We will always endeavour to remain open as a school and when decisions need to be made to make them as early as possible to allow parents / guardians time to make alternative arrangements. This will be done via text message to the No.1 Contact on the School system and also messages through Social media channels of Facebook and Twitter. This has proved effective before and we will continue to work this way.

Unless you receive a text message from Blackwater IC the school will remain open. If you would like to check you can call the school or send a message via social media but our procedures will always be to text if there are any changes to the normal school day.

Making a decision to close or to remain open will always be made in the interests of safety for all students and staff and often has to be made on the basis of weather forecasts available. We do appreciate the understanding of parents on these occasions and always take this into consideration in relation to the timings of decisions made. We hope this is helpful and will clarify things.

If you would like to check that the College has the correct contact details for your child, please contact us on 028 4461 2115 and speak to Mrs Burch.

Stephen Taylor  
Principal

