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TO: **All TCW Families**  
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SUBJECT: TCW ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER  
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The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Arthur Unobskey, has identified the plans and protocols for Wayland Public Schools in the event that inclement weather causes the cancellation or early dismissal of school, and/or the cancellation of after-school activities. Some of the K-12 plans for this school cannot be applied at The Children's Way. Below are the K-12 inclement weather protocols and the adaptations for TCW.

Given New England's winter weather, there is the possibility that we will need to close school buildings. However, "snow days" will look different this year and will occur when inclement weather causes significant safety concerns. Otherwise, even in inclement weather, the preference is to keep school buildings open.

### **Snow Days due to Inclement Weather in 2020-2021**

K-12: On October 19, the Commissioner stated the following: "The Commissioner has determined that for this school year only (2020-2021), if there are days when schools must close because of inclement weather or another emergency, districts may choose... to... provide all students with remote learning on those days." When school buildings are closed due to inclement weather in Wayland, the schools will pivot to remote learning.

TCW: Preschool programming does not lend itself to quick pivots to remote learning. Therefore, TCW will have a snow day when school buildings are closed due to inclement weather in Wayland. Snow days will be made up at the end of the school year, as in previous years.

### **Delayed Starts**

K-12: During the 2020-2021 school year, there will be **no delayed starts** due to inclement weather. If a two-hour delay would have typically been called, K-12 will pivot to a remote day of instruction.

TCW: Because Pivot-to-Remote is not an option for TCW, delayed start situations will result in a snow day for TCW. Like regular snow days, these days will be made up at the end of the school year.

### **Power Outages: Possible Opening of Buildings or Possible Cancellation**

K-12: In the event of inclement weather that causes school buildings to close AND there is significant power loss throughout the District, the Superintendent may choose to close school and not conduct remote learning. In the case of these types of closures, any days would be made up by adding school days to the current last day of school.

TCW: A significant power outage at the Town Building will result in closure of TCW for the duration of the outage. Any day(s) will be made up at the end of the school year.

## Early Dismissals

K-12: In the highly unlikely event that an early dismissal from school is deemed necessary, efforts will be made to contact parents by phone, email, and radio announcements.

TCW: Early dismissal at TCW is 11:30am. It is the responsibility of TCW and its staff to ensure the safety of all TCW children, so when programming is cancelled after 11:30, we must be confident of when each TCW child will get picked up, and by whom. With up to 65-70 students in the program each day, it is crucial to have an efficient way to communicate with families. Therefore, the following steps and expectations have been identified:

- Every child's primary and secondary contact will receive an email from TCW as soon as an early dismissal/activity cancellation decision has been made. That email will provide instructions to ensure safe and timely transitions for TCW students.
- **Each family with a child who is normally picked up after 11:30 on the given day in question (ex. 1:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:00, or 4:00)** will contact TCW by phone or email, to confirm receipt of the dismissal/cancellation message and clarify their pickup plan.
- Families who have not contacted TCW within 60 minutes of the announcement, will be called for dismissal instructions. The office will call everyone on a family's contact and emergency lists until they know the plan. **Please call or email as soon as you can!**

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## Communication of a Pivot-to-Remote (*TCW Snow Day*) or School Closure

### T.V. STATIONS

#### **Channel 4 (WBZ)**

Pivot-to-Remote or Cancellations at bottom of screen during Storm Center operation. The full list of cancellations also available on line at

<http://boston.cbslocal.com/closings/>

#### **Channel 5 (WCVB)**

You can log onto [www.wcvb.com/weather/closings](http://www.wcvb.com/weather/closings) for no school announcements (Channel 5)

#### **Channel 7 (NBC) & Channel 56 (CW)**

You can log onto <http://whdh.com/school%20closings/> to view the list of school closings.

#### **Fox 25 (WXFT)**

[http://www.fox25boston.com/weather/school\\_closings](http://www.fox25boston.com/weather/school_closings)



Please note that only these stations will be notified of school cancellations or delays.