



Dear Parents,

Occasionally, during the summer program, it may become necessary to close school due to weather or other type of emergency such as a power outage. One of our main concerns in these situations is the safety of our children and staff. Please be assured that we will not close school unless absolutely necessary.

School closings will be announced on the school website at www.alcottschool.org and messages will be sent via email, text, and/or robo call using information provided on your communication form. In addition, school closings will be posted on Cable Channel 12 News in Westchester and FIOS 1 News. When in doubt, call the school and listen to the message on our answering machine. Please understand that delaying and/or closing is not something we do without a great deal of thought. Our primary concern is the safety of your children.

If we are already in school and the weather gets very bad or the power goes out, we will use our emergency contact system to inform you about closing early. Please be sure that your emergency and communication forms are updated and in the office so that we can reach you or the person you have designated to pick up your child. Please feel free to come and get your child at any time if you are concerned about weather conditions.

For safety reasons, the bus companies do not like to operate in severe weather conditions. If the weather is severe, they may pick up the children early from school and take them home. Keep in mind that it usually takes 2 or 3 times longer for the children to arrive home in bad weather. Before we can send children out early, we must be sure someone will be waiting at home for them.

If you have any questions, please speak with someone in the office.

Monica Zenda

Executive Director