



Closings or Delays Due to Weather or Other Issues

NOTICE: Assuming teachers have internet service, they will send email and Remind App notice (see below) to all parents regarding any closings or delays, usually by 7AM. On rare occasions, decisions may be made later in the morning, but always before 7:30AM. In the event of an early dismissal from school, teachers will call and send Remind App texts.

METHOD: In coming to a decision regarding delays and cancellations, we will check the weather (hudsonvalleyweather.com) as well as the decisions of the other seven (or so) schools in our area, particularly the Rondout Valley School District (<http://pamal.com/stormcenter/whud.php>). In theory, district schools have the best information. However, we acknowledge that they sometimes make mysterious and incorrect decisions. In addition, we will do our best to check in with one or two parents who live in outlying areas (i.e. not on route 209 or in town).

FOR PARENTS: Parents for whom cancellations and delays wreak havoc on your day or work schedule are encouraged to organize a contingency plan for those occasions. Perhaps a play group with others who also need care? Parents taking turns minding the children might be good. If there is a delay, you are welcome to hold a play group in the schoolyard (NOT INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS) in the morning until the official opening time.

JOINING REMIND APP!: The Remind App allows teachers to easily text the whole parent group any closing/delay information. We have found this is helpful to parents who may not check their email in the morning before school time. We hope that this will prevent unnecessary trips to school in case of delays/closings. Joining Remind is not required, but strongly recommended!

MAKE UP DAYS: In the event that the school year has more than 6 snow closings (delays are not included), families would be offered “give back days” in the Vacation Camp (during Mid-Winter or Spring Breaks). This allows for some missed days to be made up, without extending the school year.

A REQUEST FOR TOLERANCE: While every effort will be made to make a good decision, there will be times when it will turn out to be an unnecessary closing or delay. We ask for your trust and understanding. We make every effort to make a good decision.

We hope this will help things run smoothly for everyone!