



Sunday 12 February 2023

Kia ora koutou BDS Whānau

We hope you are all safe and as prepared as you can be for Cyclone Gabrielle.

Cyclone Gabrielle is forecast to bring dangerous conditions with heavy rain warnings, associated flooding, road closures, high winds and power outages. We have gathered information from the MET Service weather forecast, information from Emergency Management in Auckland and the Auckland Director of Education.

We have considered the safety of our students, staff and whānau and we have made the decision to close our school on Monday.

**This means that Botany Downs School will not be open for onsite learning  
on Monday 13 February.**

We will review the situation on Monday lunchtime based on further weather updates and assess the safety of our school for our students, staff and whānau. We will send the decision about school opening on Tuesday, in the early afternoon.

As we are not able to provide distance learning as our student accounts are not set up on devices, you may choose to visit our website which provides numerous learning activities for our tamariki. [Learning At Home](#)

We are all looking forward to seeing you back at school.

Ngā mihi nui

**Vicki Parkins**

**Principal/Tumuaki**

**Richard Tosh**

**Presiding Member**

**Useful links for our community on the evolving situation**

[Auckland severe weather: What support is available and where can you get help – NEMA](#). (On this page you can find information in alternative formats: Large print, easy read, audio and Braille.)

[National Emergency Management Agency – Civil Defence](#)

[Auckland Emergency Management | Auckland Emergency Management](#)

[Important Storm Updates: OurAuckland – Auckland Council](#)

[Auckland Emergency Management | Auckland – Facebook](#)

[National Severe Weather Information - MetService](#)

[Emergency preparedness in New Zealand – Get Ready](#)

[What you need to know: How to prepare for an emergency – RNZ News](#)

