

As we enter the winter season it might be useful to remind everyone about our procedures for informing you about Strawberry ECDC's emergency closings or delayed opening etc.

We will attempt to give all families as much notice as possible, but as you are aware we try not to close unless we really have to. We do not follow the school district's decision; we make our own. We know that as working parents you rely on our services. Our decision is based upon the conditions of the roads and the safety of our families and staff is paramount. When storms occur overnight, Maritza will most often drive the neighborhood roads at 5:00am to assess the conditions. If we decide to close completely or open late, we will leave a message on the center's normal telephone number (914-526-4401). That message should be available by 6:00am. If you phone after 6:00am and you hear our normal message, that means that we are open as normal.

If a storm occurs during the day and we need to close early we will call you and inform you as to when we will be closing. We will try to forewarn you in the morning of the likelihood of an early closing so please make alternative pickup arrangements, if you will be unable to return to the center earlier than normal. Please make every attempt to pick up your children by the stated time, because we wish to ensure that everyone, including staff, can make it home safely.

One consequence of our philosophy to remain open as much as possible is that we may not have always fully cleared the car park or the walkways. We could remain closed until all snow has been removed, but many parents have asked us not to do so, in order for them to get to work with minimal delay. Vehicles driving over the snow in the car park or the driveway can lead to slippery or icy conditions. Please exercise caution when walking about the property.