

BUSHFIRE PLAN 2022

Purpose

In the event of a bushfire, catastrophic weather warning or Total Fire Ban, the Bushfire Plan will be activated.

The school will conduct practice drills to familiarize staff, students and visitors early Term One and prior to the new fire season Term Four.

Bushfire Event

In the event of a bushfire threatening the school, the school will notify Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and the Bushfire Plan will be invoked by way of the school PA / siren (or hand held siren) with a series of five sequenced blasts.

School – To evacuate off-site on advice from DFES, (see Emergency Management Plan)

- A **Code Green** will be called
- All classes remain with their teachers and allocated teacher assistants.
- All other staff and visitors report to the Front Office.
- Teachers account for each child and identify students and staff with known respiratory conditions.
- Members of the Leadership Team are designated to manage three areas, liaising with teachers.
- The Principal and Leadership Team, will control this response until the arrival of the Fire Officer in Charge who will then take over.
- Students and adults with known respiratory conditions will be identified and given special consideration.

Parent Access

Parents will be informed when and where to pick up students upon advice to school from emergency services.

School – To remain on site on advice from DFES, (see evacuation procedure)

- A **Code Red** is called
- All classes remain with their teachers and allocated teacher assistants.
- All other staff and visitors report to the Front Office.
- Teachers account for each child and identify students and staff with known respiratory conditions.
- Doors and windows should be closed and air conditioning turned off. Students and staff are to remain in classrooms unless directed by the Leadership Team.
- Members of the Leadership Team are designated to manage three areas, liaising with teachers.
- The Principal and Leadership Team, will control this response until the arrival of the Fire Officer in Charge who will then take over.
- Students and adults with known respiratory conditions will be identified and given special consideration.

Parent Access

Parents advised NOT to pick up students and to monitor local media for specific access information.

Communication

- The school will contact the Director of Education and Department's Media Unit.
- The school will contact parents via phone, email or Facebook.
- Notify out of school programs.
- The school has landlines and school mobile phone **[(08) 9234 6400, (Wayne Walpole 0459 850 654)]**.
It would be preferable that parents restrict calling the school at this time to emergency calls only.
- The official broadcaster of Emergency Events is ABC radio. Our local station is ABC local radio. They will provide up to date information during a bushfire event in our area.
- The DFES website provides up to date information on fire events.
<http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/> DFES are introducing the national Emergency Alert system to send community warning messages via mobile telephones in affected areas.

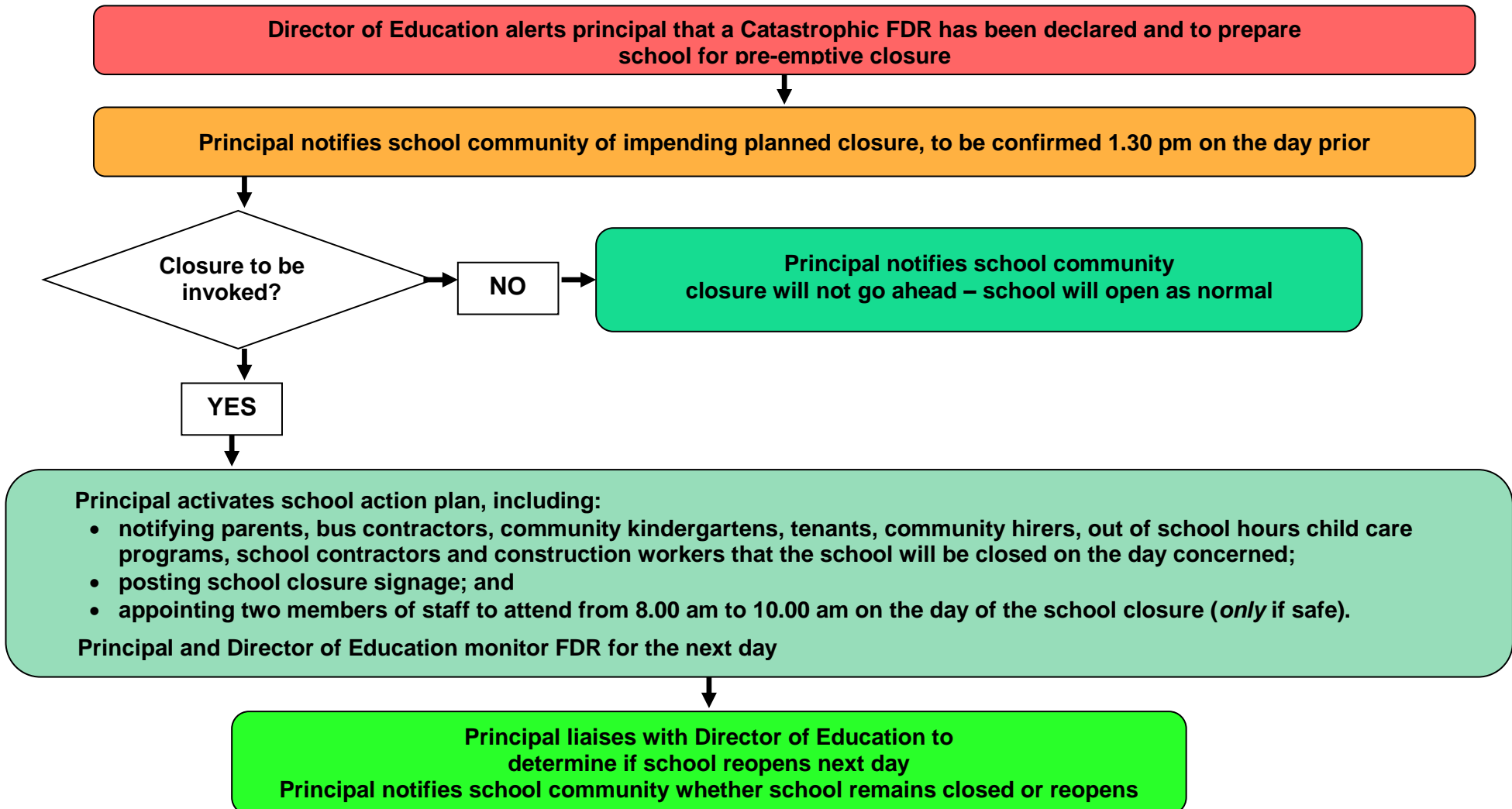
Communication Strategy

In the event of an incident requiring communication with all staff the following procedure is to be followed. (See Telephon

CATASTROPHIC EVENT

In the event of a catastrophic weather warning the **Bushfire Plan** will be invoked as per the following flow chart: (refer to *Principal's Guide to Bushfire* for all procedures and sample letters)

PRINCIPAL'S RESPONSE TO Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating



TOTAL FIRE BAN EVENT

In the event of a Total Fire Ban the **Bushfire Plan** will be invoked as per the following flow chart: (refer to *Principal's Guide to Bushfire* for all procedures)

This means:

- you must not light or use any fires in the open air;
- all open fires for the purpose of cooking or camping are not allowed;
- 'hot work' such as metal work, grinding, welding, soldering, gas cutting or similar is not allowed unless you have an exemption; and
- you must not undertake any other activities that may start a fire.

If a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has not been implemented by your local government you are able to harvest or move vehicles across paddocks for agricultural purposes.

You could be fined up to \$25,000 or jailed for 12 months or both if you ignore the Total Fire Ban.

For information on activities that can or cannot be carried out during a Total Fire Ban visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans/Pages/TotalFireBanWhatCantIDo.aspx.

If the information you want is not available from the website, telephone the Total Fire Ban Information Line 1800 709 355.

This information is also available by visiting www.dfes.wa.gov.au