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School Transport: Bus Éireann policy for Status Red weather alerts

Bus Éireann has announced that if a Status Red weather warning is announced for all or part of a given day:

- All services provided by Bus Éireann under the School Transport Scheme will be cancelled **in the affected area** if a Status Red weather warning is announced for all or part of a given day*
- Decision to cancel services will be made locally by regional School Transport Office, who will inform schools
- It remains the decision of each school whether to close in a red alert.

Bus Éireann will – with immediate effect – stand down school transport services when Status Red weather alerts are issued nationally or regionally.

The policy has been put in place in the interest of pupil safety. The full policy is available on www.buseireann.ie/StatusRed

Bus Éireann operates the School Transport Scheme on behalf of the DES.

* In the event that a Status Red warning in place in the morning is downgraded at or before noon, services – which do not operate in the morning - will operate as normal at school closing time. If a Status Red warning is not downgraded until afternoon or later in the evening Bus Éireann will endeavour, where possible, and with the assistance of emergency services if necessary, to bring children home.

In these circumstances Bus Éireann will keep schools and media informed of school transport service developments.

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