



## **Inclement Weather Policy 2015-2016**

Green Hedges makes decisions regarding the closing of school due to inclement weather **independent** of Fairfax County Public Schools. If conditions warrant the cancellation of school or a delayed opening, this information will be available at following locations by 6:00 a.m.

- An “ALERT” email/text/voicemail message will be sent to parents, faculty and Board members. This automatic alert will also post to Facebook and Twitter.
- Radio station WTOP (103.5 FM, or 820 AM)
- NBC News 4
- Green Hedges homepage ([www.greenhedges.org](http://www.greenhedges.org))

As weather and subsequent driving conditions may vary greatly for our families based on geographic location, in all cases **parents are asked to make their best judgment in determining whether it is safe to transport children during inclement weather.**

### **SCHOOL CANCELLATION**

The total instructional time in the course of a year at Green Hedges exceeds the minimum requirement mandated by the state of Virginia. In the rare instance of excessive inclement weather/emergency cancellations, the School reserves the right to cancel holidays and add make-up days.

### **DELAYED OPENING**

If conditions warrant a delayed opening, Green Hedges will open one or two hours late. Drop-off will begin at 8:45 am (one hour late) or 9:45 (two hours late) and classes will begin at 9:15 am (one hour late) or 10:15 am (two hours late). Montessori Half Day students will attend classes for the time remaining in their regular daily schedule and will be dismissed at their regular time.

### **EARLY CLOSING**

While Green Hedges School will always seek to remain open until the completion of the school day, certain conditions require an early closure. In these rare instances, the School will notify parents by publishing this information on the school web page ([www.greenhedges.org](http://www.greenhedges.org)), by sending out an “ALERT” notification via email/text/voicemail and/or through a school phone chain. There will be no Extended Day when there is an early school dismissal.

Regardless of the School’s decision, during times of inclement weather parents may use their own discretion in picking up their child(ren).