

Temporary School Closures FAQs – 8 April 2016

What are the PPP1 buildings?

- Braidburn School
- Broomhouse Primary School
- Castleview Primary School
- Craigmount High School
- Craigour Park Primary
- Craigroyston Primary School
- Drummond Community High school
- Firrhill High School
- Forthview Primary School
- Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre
- Gracemount High School
- Howdenhall Secure Unit
- Oxfgangs Primary School
- Pirniehill Primary School
- Rowanfield Service School
- Royal High School
- St David's Primary School
- St Joseph's Primary School
- St Peters RC Primary School

What is the issue and why has it only been discovered now?

This is a significant and new issue that only came to light this afternoon (Friday 8 April) as a result of the ongoing remedial works on Oxbgangs Primary School. It is not directly related to the recent issue.

How long will the schools remain closed?

At this stage it is too early to say. Further investigations are continuing to take place and we will update parents as soon as possible next week. At this stage we would recommend that parents make alternative childcare arrangements for next week but, if we are able to put alternative arrangements in place that will allow children to go back to school earlier, we will let parents know.

Will priority be given to special schools?

Yes, we recognise that special schools have specialist facilities that may not be available elsewhere and they will be prioritised on that basis.

What about students who are due to sit exams next month?

We will also be prioritising secondary schools to ensure that S4, S5 and S6 students can prepare for their exams. Three of the high schools, Drummond, Firrhill and the Royal High School are partial new builds and partial refurbishments. It may be possible to cordon off the new parts of the buildings until surveys are carried out which may allow these schools to re-open more quickly

When and how will I receive an update about my school?

As soon as we are able to update parents in individual schools we will do so. Parents will receive text messages and updates will be published regularly on these webpages www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolclosures

Why were we told previously that the schools would open as normal on Monday?

At the time we provided this information we had received written confirmation from Edinburgh Schools Partnership that all schools were safe to open. In the light of the new issue, discovered this afternoon, they have advised us that they cannot guarantee that the schools are safe to open and for this reason we are closing the schools.

Does this issue affect any other schools?

This issue only relates to the schools that have been built under the PPP1 programme that are listed above.

Who is responsible for this?

Edinburgh Schools Partnership designed, constructed and continue to manage these schools.