

East Lothian and Midlothian schools to close as storm warnings go red

Schools and nurseries across East Lothian will be closed tomorrow (Friday) after a red weather warning was issued.

East Lothian Council said the decision has been taken on safety grounds and parents and carers have been contacted.

Head of education Nicola McDowell has sent a letter to families saying the decision has been taken on advice from the Met Office.

She said: "The Met Office has advised us that East Lothian is covered by a red weather warning for wind tomorrow from 10am to 5pm.

"This means that very strong winds associated with Storm Éowyn will cause very dangerous conditions and significant disruption. They advise that people should avoid travelling by road during potentially dangerous conditions and stay indoors if they can.

"This decision has been taken with the health and welfare of our children, families and staff in mind."

Midlothian Council has also announced plans to shut schools for the day on advice from the Met Office.

The local authority announcement came shortly after neighbouring East Lothian Council also revealed it was closing

classrooms for the day.

Taking to social media, Midlothian Council said: "With a Red – danger to life – weather warning in place for Midlothian between 10am and 5pm Friday, all schools and local authority nurseries will be closed tomorrow."

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