

BUS EMERGENCIES

3.4 ACTIONS FOR BUS RUN EMERGENCIES

1. Fire / Flood affecting a Bus Run

If the Local CFS Captain becomes aware that a fire/flood is affecting a bus run, he will contact the Principal and reach a mutual decision as to whether the children should be;

- dismissed using normal procedures
 - held at school under teacher supervision
 - dismissed personally into parents' care.
- a) Where dismissal procedures differ from the usual routine, the Principal will:-
- Arrange for parents to be notified of change to bus timetables
 - Arrange supervision for non-bus students who cannot be collected by parents or other people acting on the parents' behalf.
 - Parent / guardian permission is needed before an adult can collect other people's children.
- b) If children are taken home by buses they must be met by a parent at the nominated bus stop.
- c) If it appears that a fire/flood is affecting a bus run, buses are to be held at Eudunda Area School. Eudunda Area School is to notify Robertstown and St. John's of this decision. Children are to be kept at their respective schools until the all clear is given. Eudunda A.S. will notify other schools.
- d) Robertstown Primary School to notify Eudunda A.S. if it is necessary to hold their buses.

2. INFORMATION FOR DRIVERS SHOULD A BUS BE CAUGHT IN A FIRE

- a) If, in the opinion of the driver, there may be a danger to the bus from fire or flood while on route, the bus is to be turned around and returned to the school. Parents will be informed upon its arrival and the bus will wait for clearance from the District Fire Controlling Officer.
- b) If it is impossible to proceed or return, the bus should attempt to reach the nearest farm house or other safe place and phone through the situation to the school and C.F.S.
- c) If the bus is caught in a fire, the following procedures should be followed if at all practicable.
- Stop the bus in a space on the side of the road as clear as possible of vegetation and on the opposite side to the approaching fire.
 - Ignition off, handbrake on, engine in gear and headlights on depending on circumstances.
 - Block draughts where possible.
 - Children to lie on the floor.
 - Cover with soaked protective materials if possible.
 - Assess exits (ordinary and emergency) when fire front has passed.
 - Evacuate the bus, locating students in a previously burnt area.
 - Check bus before allowing children to re-enter.