

# *Littlehampton Primary School Out of School Hours Care Service*

## ***Closure of Service on Code Red Catastrophic Days for Vacation Care Only***

Littlehampton Primary School Governing Council, which operates the OSHC service has recently given approval for the closure of OSHC on all Code Red Catastrophic Days **during the Vacation Care period.**

The reason for this decision is that it is most likely that the service would be directed to close by our Regional Office or OSHC and this would happen because of:

- the small number of staff in the school grounds in OSHC
- the long hours of operation of Vacation Care

**Note this policy applies to the Out of School Hours Service Vacation Care program only and does not apply to the school or after school hours care service.**

### **Plan Now, Avoid Confusion**

This decision by our Governing Council enables families to put in place emergency plans NOW and will avoid confusion when a day of Code Red Catastrophic Conditions is announced on the media.

It is most likely that the announcement re Code Red Catastrophic weather conditions will be made at around 4:30 on the day before. When this happens:

- Announcements will be made on radio and on television,
- Announcements regarding service closure will be placed on the DECD website [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au),
- Our OSHC service staff will send a text message out to school families to inform them of the closure of the service,
- All non-school families will be contacted by phone or text message,
- The Red Signs, Littlehampton Primary School, Fire Conditions Catastrophic, school closed TODAY signs will be placed at the entrance of the service

### **It is important to note:**

- No children can be dropped off at Littlehampton Primary School OSHC on days of Code Red Catastrophic fire conditions. **The service buildings will be locked and no staff will be on site.**
- It is parents' responsibility to plan now what they will do to care for their children on Code Red Catastrophic Days.

### **For more information:**

DECD Emergency and Crisis Management Website

Department for Education and Child Development

[www.crisis.sa.edu.au](http://www.crisis.sa.edu.au)

SA Country Fire Service (CFS) Website

[www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

CFS Bushfire Information Hotline

**1300 362 361**

OSHC contact: Kathryn Schultz : 8391 4742

During days of forecast catastrophic fire danger ratings or an actual bushfire, the DECD Parent Bushfire Information Hotline will be activated.

**DECD Parent Bushfire Information Hotline:**

**1800 000 279**

Please detach this flyer and keep on fridge for ready reference