



Adverse Weather Policy

At Ribbons Preschool we have an adverse weather policy in place to ensure our preschool is prepared for all weather conditions that might affect the running of the preschool such as floods, snow and heat waves.

If any of these impact on the ability of the preschool to open or operate, we will contact parents via email and text message.

We will not take children outdoors where we judge that weather conditions make it unsafe to do so.

Flood

In the case of a flood, we will follow our critical incident procedure to enable all children and staff to be safe and continuity of care to be planned for.

Snow or other severe weather

If high snowfall, or another severe weather condition such as dense fog, is threatened during a preschool day then the duty manager will take the decision as to whether to close the preschool. This decision will take into account the safety of the children, their parents and the staff team. In the event of a planned closure during the preschool day we will contact all parents to arrange for collection of their child.

In the event of staff shortages due to snow or other severe weather we will contact all available off-duty staff and/or agency staff and group the children differently until they are able to arrive. If we are unable to maintain statutory ratio requirements after all avenues are explored we will contact CIW to inform them of this issue, recording all details in our incident file. If we feel the safety, health or welfare of the children is compromised then we will take the decision to close the preschool.

Heat wave

Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside depending on the strength of the sun. Children will not be allowed in direct sunlight between 11.00am – 3.00pm on hot days between March and October, following NHS sun safety advice. Shaded areas are provided to ensure children are able to still go out in hot weather, cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to. For further details please refer to our sun care policy.

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