

Severe weather

Policy statement

This policy refers to the measures we will take in the event of all extreme adverse conditions that may on occasion arise in particular with regard to snow, ice, flood and heatwaves.

Procedures

Snow/Ice/Flood

- When the possibility of heavy snow/ice/flooding/high winds is becoming more frequent the decision to close the preschool will consider the following;
 - The safety of the children, their parents and the staff
 - If the children are in a session when the heavy snow/ice/rain occurs, then we will contact the parents if the Early Years Room Manager and Finance & Business Manager have decided to close the preschool
 - If St Marys Catholic School decide not to open, Dragonflies will also not open
 - Closure of the school will be on the school website and a message will be put on the Famly Newsfeed
- If there is a shortage of staff due to them being unable to get into the setting because of the weather and we are unable to maintain the statutory ratio requirements for the children after contacting all staff, we will inform Ofsted of the issue and take their advice. Full details will be recorded in the Incident file.
- If we feel the health, safety and welfare of the children are compromised then we will take the decision to close the preschool.

Heatwaves

- In the event of an extreme heat wave when the children are at Preschool, we will ensure that children are protected as reasonably practicable, from the effects of the sun or heat.
- Sun cream can be applied to your child, this will only be applied in the presence of other staff members. If your child has any allergies to sun cream, please bring in your own named sun cream.
- We will monitor children for heat exhaustion/heat stroke and offer water for hydration at regular intervals.

This policy was adopted by

On

Date to be reviewed

Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Role of signatory

Dragonflies

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Trustee
