

Adverse Weather

At **Little Miracles Day Nursery** we have an adverse weather policy in place to ensure our nursery is prepared for all weather conditions that might affect the running of the nursery such as floods, snow and heat waves.

If any of these incidents impact on the ability of the nursery to open or operate, we will contact parents via phone, email or text message depending on the facilities available to us on the day.

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 nursery day then the manager will take the decision as to whether to close the nursery. 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 nursery day, we will contact all parents to arrange for collection of their child.

Children will be accepted into the nursery on a first come first serve basis. If there is not adequate staffing parents will not be able to leave their child until we are able to maintain the legal ratio.

We will always aim to open the setting with snow fall however, as a general rule the manager will be asking parents to collect their children if snow fall starts to get heavy again or before it gets dark and our concern will be getting all of our families and staff home safely.

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 Ofsted 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 nursery.

Heat wave

Please refer to our sun care policy.

Please note: - Any closures will be a last resort and after we have explored all options and taken into account the health and safety of the children and staff that we have a duty of care for.

Unfortunately nursery fees are still payable in full.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
<i>14.12.2019</i>		<i>14.12.2020</i>