



Adverse Weather Policy

This policy is in place to ensure we are prepared for all adverse weather such as floods, snow and heat waves.

If any adverse weather impacts on the ability for the pre school to operate, our operational status will be listed on the Bucks County Council website – www.buckscc.gov.uk . Follow the links Education > Schools > Closures. On the schools closure page is the heading 'Early Years Settings'. Select this and scroll down to Bierton Pre-School. If we are closed the status will have changed from '**normal**' to '**closed due to adverse weather conditions**'. Any further information about re-opening will also be shown here. Please check regularly for updates.

In addition to this, Mix 96 FM (local radio station) will be informed of our closure and an announcement will be made.

We will also endeavour to contact parents via email as soon as possible.

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

If high snow fall is threatened during the day then the Manager and or Chairperson will make the decision as to whether closure of the pre school is necessary. 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 day we will contact all parents to arrange for collection of their child.

In the event of staff shortages due to snow we will contact all available off duty staff in the first instance and committee members if necessary. 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 pre school.

Hot weather/sun care

The pre school is committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun. Severe sunburn in childhood can lead to the development of malignant melanoma (the most dangerous type of skin cancer) in later life.

The following guidelines are for the prevention and care of children in the sun:

- Children should have a clearly named sun hat.
- Parents are asked to apply sun screen to their child prior to attending pre school.
- Children need light-weight cotton clothing suitable for the sun, with long sleeves and long legs if prone to sunburn.
- Children should bring named water bottles to pre school.
- Children are made aware of the need for sunhats, sun cream and the need to drink more fluids during their time in the sun.
- Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside dependant on the strength of the sun.

This policy was adopted by the Bierton Pre School Committee

Date: **2nd April 2019**

Signed:.....

Name: **SARAH HEARN**

Role of signatory: **CHAIRPERSON**

signed, all staff: