

St Johns Preschool Adverse Weather Policy

We have an adverse weather policy in place to ensure our pre-school is prepared for all weather conditions that may affect the running of the setting such as floods, and snow.

Should any of the above incidents happen and we have to close or are unable to open and operate we will contact parents in a number of ways, but predominantly via email and social media so please check for updates.

Floods

In the case of flooding we will follow the procedure of our policy 1.08 Fire Safety and Emergency evacuation.

Snow or Severe Weather

If severe weather condition is threatened or occurs during a setting day, the Manager and the Committee will take the decision as to whether to close the setting. This decision will take into account the safety of the children, their parents and the staff on duty. The Parents/Carers will be informed by telephone to collect their children.

We have to maintain an appropriate staffing level, and so in the event of staff shortages due to snow or other severe weather we will contact all available off duty staff and/or available parents to cover. If we are unable to maintain statutory ratio requirements after all avenues are explored we will contact Ofsted to inform them of this issue, making a recording of this incident 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.

Date to be reviewed – on or before March 2023