

# Adverse Weather

EYFS: 3.58

At **The Mulberry Bush** we have an adverse weather policy in place to ensure our pre-school is prepared for all weather conditions that might affect the running of the pre-school such as floods, snow and heat waves.

If any of these incidents impact on the ability of the pre-school to open or operate, we will contact parents via phone or 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 pre-school day then the manager will take the decision as to whether to close the pre-school. 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 pre-school 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 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 pre-school.

We will always endeavour to advise parents as quickly as we are able and do follow the guidelines set out for main stream schools when adverse weather effects the pre-school day. There maybe times whereby short notice is unavoidable due to the many factors in which have to be considered in order for the Pre-school Manager to make a decision.

## **Heat wave**

Please refer to our sun care policy.

<b>This policy was adopted on</b>	<b>Signed on behalf of the nursery</b>	<b>Date for review</b>
Oct 2019		Oct 2020
Feb 2021		Feb 2022

