

## Adverse Weather and all-weather policy

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At **Milnrow Pre-school CIC** 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 the ability of the preschool to open or operate, we will contact parents via phone or email in certain circumstances.

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 preschool day then the manager will take the decision as to whether to close the Preschool. This decision will consider the safety of the children, their parents, and the staff team. In the event of a planned closure during the Preschool day, we will contact all parents to arrange for the collection of their child.

In the event of staff shortages due to snow or other severe weather, we will contact all available staff and/or agencies if we are unable to meet the staff-to-child ratio, parents will be informed of the closure and collection arrangements made if this is during a preschool day.

At **Milnrow pre-school CIC** we are committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun/UV rays. Severe sunburn in childhood and too much exposure to UV can lead to the development of malignant melanoma (the most dangerous type of skin cancer) in later life. Staff and children are at risk of sunburn within 10-15 minutes of being exposed to strong sunlight.

### **Sun care and heatwaves**

We follow guidance from the weather and UV level reports and use the following procedures to keep children safe and healthy in the sun:

- Parents must apply suncream to their child/ren before the start of their session, if their child stays for a full day arrangements will be made for suncream to be applied.
- If parents haven't applied suncream when arriving at preschool they must do so before leaving their child/ren at the setting.
- Children must have a clearly labelled sun hat which will always be worn whilst outside in sunny weather.
- Children who stay for a full day must have their own labelled high-factor sun cream with prior written consent for staff to apply. Staff must be aware of the expiry date and discard sunscreen after this date. Parents are requested to provide a 50+ (4 stars and above for UVA/UVB) sun cream.
- Children's safety and welfare in hot weather is the Preschool's prime objective so staff will work closely with parents to ensure all appropriate cream and clothing is provided.

- Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside depending on the strength of the sun; children will not be allowed in the direct sunlight between 11.00am – 3.00pm on hot days.
- Children are encouraged to drink cooled water more frequently throughout sunny or warm days, and this will be accessible both indoors and out.
- Children are made aware of the need for sun hats, sun cream and the need to drink more fluids during their time in the sun.
- Shade will be provided to ensure children are able to still go out in hot weather, cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to
- If children arrive at the setting with sunburn the manager will speak to the parent/carer about the child's condition and give advice about sun safety. Parents would be advised to seek medical attention if it were thought necessary. If the child is well enough to stay at the setting the child's skin will be kept covered and not to be exposed to any further sun.

### All weather play

It is our intention to allow children access to continuous outdoor play opportunities whatever the weather. This is in line with government guidelines set out in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage which states that **“wherever possible children should have continuous access to outdoor provision; this area will provide children with the opportunities to develop in the 7 areas of learning”**.

We aim to ensure that during outdoor play all the children are dressed appropriately and are protected from the elements whether it is raining, snowing, cold or sunny.

If children come to pre-school in wellies or snow boots please could a spare pair of shoes or trainers be provided, due to our non-slip flooring we are finding that children wearing wellies indoors are causing several trips and falls which is resulting in injuries.

### Procedure

We will do this by providing if your child hasn't brought them:-

- waterproof jackets and trousers and Wellies
- hats and gloves
- sun hats

| This policy was adopted on | Signed on behalf of the nursery                       | Date for review |
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| 'mar 25'                   | <i>All staff to read and sign the policy document</i> | 'mar 26'        |