



Pre School

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## Extreme Weather Policy

Seedlings Pre School aims to protect the children and adults from potential harm posed by extreme weather conditions while still maintaining a consistent level of care.

- We will constantly monitor the outdoor weather conditions.
- In the following weather conditions outdoor access will be restricted:
  - Extreme wind
  - Thunderstorm
  - Heavy hail
- In extreme cold weather then the children must be dressed appropriately in order to go outside, the following clothing must be worn: hat, coat, gloves if possible
- In cold weather the outdoor area will be risk assessed to check for any icy ground. If the ground is icy then the area will be cordoned off or a notice will be put up if it is on the public entrance outside the setting to inform parents/visitors of the risk and to be careful.
- Children will still be allowed outside in cold weather, but staff will monitor the children and the staff's time spent outside to ensure no child or staff member is getting too cold. The same applies in hot weather to ensure no one is at risk of heat stroke.
- In hot weather children must wear sun hats outside and have long lasting sun cream applied before they attend the pre school. Parents are responsible for applying sun cream to their child before their session. Staff will assume this has been done unless informed otherwise. Staff will apply sun cream at 12:30pm to children who are doing a full day at pre school. They will not apply sun cream to children attending just one session unless the parent has forgotten and called to request us to apply sun cream. Staff will use the pre school's sun cream unless otherwise informed by parents. The sun creams we will use are: Sainsburys 50 factor, Boots 50 factor or Ambre Solaire 50 factor. They will all also have a good UVA rating to ensure proper protection. It is the parent's responsibility to notify us if their child is allergic to the creams that we use and provide us with an alternative that is clearly named and left at the pre school.
- Children and staff will be encouraged to drink plenty of fluids during hot weather.
- If a child is not willing to wear the appropriate clothing for the weather conditions, then they must remain inside the pre school setting.
- If the weather is such that it is deemed necessary to close the pre school for safety reasons, then usual session charges will apply. Reasons for closing may include:
  - Flooding
  - Snow – our decision will be based partly on the decision of our most local primary schools which are Oaktree, St Johns and Beaufort but also on the basis of whether staff are able to travel to the pre school safely as some staff will not live locally
  - Extreme winds – this will only be if the Met Office have advised that people should not travel outside except in the case of an emergency



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