**Abbeymead Under 5s**

**Adverse weather**

At we have an adverse weather policy in place to ensure our p is prepared for all weather conditions that might affect the running of the playgroup such as floods, snow, and heat waves.

If any of these incident’s impact on the ability of the playgroup to open or operate, we will contact parents via announcements on our social media channels, face to face, 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 playgroup day then the manager will take the decision as to whether to close the playgroup. This decision will take into account the safety of the children, their parents and the staff team. In the event of a planned closure, we will contact all parents to arrange for collection of their child.

**Cold Temperatures**

Due to the nature of our building, we can experience lower than normal temperatures, if we do have extreme cold weather and temperatures drop inside playgroup (between 5-8 degrees) with heating at full potential, playgroup will plan a closure, a closure will also trigger if the boiler breaks down and we have very little heat. This is to enable all children and staff are not put at risk.

Heat wave

Due to the nature of our building, we can experience higher than normal temperatures if we do have extreme warm weather and temperatures increase inside playgroup. (above 25 degrees) with the effort of making shade, introducing air into the rooms (fans etc) playgroup will plan a closure. This is to enable all children and staff are not put at risk.

**Staffing**

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 playgroup.

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