



Orchard House Adverse Weather Policy

At Orchard house we have an adverse weather policy in place to ensure our nursery is prepared for all types of weather conditions, which might affect the running of the nursery these may include flooding, snow, and heat waves.

If any of these incident's impact on the ability of the nursery to open or operate, we will contact our parents via phone, text, email or on the Family app. We will not take children outdoors where we judge that weather conditions make it unsafe to do so.

Floods

In the case of a flood, we will follow our critical incident procedures to enable all children and practitioners to be safe and continuity of care planned for.

Snow and icy conditions.

If there is a heavy snow fall or severe icy conditions when the nursery is open then the manager will make the decision to decide if it is safe to keep the nursery open, or if the children's welfare is at risk, then the manager will decide to close the nursery.

When making the decision the manager will consider the safety of the children, parents, team of practitioners and the disruption to travel. In the event of the nursery closing early due to adverse weather then the parents will be contact as soon as possible to enable them to collect their child.

If there is adverse weather during the night and practitioners are unable to get into work or it is deemed unsafe for the nursery to open then the manager will contact all parents as soon as possible to notify them, we will make every attempt possible to keep the nursery open where possible.

Heat wave.

Practitioners 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 direct sunlight between 11am-3pm on hot days, following the NHS sun safety advise.

Shaded areas are provided from the trees and gazebo to ensure children are still able to go out in hot weather, cool down areas will be implemented, and they will always have fresh drinking water available. We try to always keep the nursery open where possible.

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