



The Children's House

Snow and Bad Weather Policy

This policy should be reviewed annually and as required by legislation.		
Action	Reviewer	Date
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Approved by Chair of COM	DB	Nov 2025
Date for next internal review		Nov 2025

SNOW AND BAD WEATHER POLICY

In the event of bad weather, it is always the school's priority to remain open and as such, the staff will work to ensure that the school site is both accessible and safe.

There are, however, instances where the school might not be able to open as normal as a result of severe weather. In extreme weather, travel for parents, children and staff might be too difficult. Occasionally severe weather might affect transport in outer London, thereby making travel to school impossible for the majority of staff. If staff ratios are too low to run the school safely, the school will be closed.

In such instances, any changes to the usual opening arrangements will be communicated via email to let parents know that the school is closed due to bad weather.

Where no updates have been provided, parents should assume that the school is open as normal.

In the event of bad weather when the school remains open, parents are advised to dress their child/children in appropriately warm/waterproof clothing, including sensible footwear and gloves. Staff should also dress appropriately.

In the event of bad weather when the school remains open, we might decide to end the school day early in order to ensure safe travel home for children and staff. Parents will be informed of early closing via email in advance.

This Policy was reviewed, amended and agreed by the Council of Management in Nov 2023. It will be reviewed again in two years' time.

Agreed by Dawn Brindle, Chair of the Council of Management