



**EXTREME WEATHER POLICY**

St George's Pre-School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Staff Responsible:	Nursery Manager
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## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Date	Change

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## **Aim**

To make Greenwood Pre- School as safe as possible when severe weather conditions prevail.

## **Practice**

In slippery conditions when there is ice or snow on the ground, all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure safe access and entry for children, parents, staff, visitors and other users of the pre-school. It is the responsibility of the Nursery Manager to liaise with the Management Committee of the hall to determine whether the pre-school could be opened safely, this is to be done by 6.30am.

**The pre-school will be deemed open unless a message is received from pre-school to the contrary.**

## **Site Open**

In the event that staff feel they can make the site safe to open they must ensure that all main pathways are clear and have grit or salt down to ensure slips and falls do not occur.

A risk assessment will be carried out on the site for a decision to allow children to play outside.

Parents/carers must ensure that if their child comes into pre-school in boots or wellingtons that they have a pair of shoes to change into and have appropriate warm clothing. All parents/carers bringing their children to pre-school must ensure that snow balls are not thrown as this is deemed to be a Health and Safety risk.

## **Site Closed**

In extreme conditions, when the pre-school cannot be brought into a safe condition, the Nursery Manager may make a decision to close the pre-school. The Nursery Manager will also consider the severity of the local weather, pathways which may make access particularly difficult and the ability of staff to get to pre-school.

In the case that the pre-school is safe to open but some members of staff are unable to get into work, then the pre-school may have to remain closed if it is not possible to achieve the correct staff/pupil ratios. In either event, text messages and e-mails will be sent to those parents for whom we have contact details. This will be facilitated through the SchoolComms system administered by Crofton Schools. We will also send messages via Facebook and will put a message on the front page of the website.

## **Severe weather warnings**

An e mail will be sent home to all parents at the first report of severe weather informing them to check the school website for possible closures.

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