



Little Leaders Institute

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

SAFETY IS PRIORITY.

Our staff understands that our decision to open, close or delay school opening during inclement weather often disrupts family schedules. We also understand that our children are better served – academically, emotionally and socially – by being in school or daycare. But, as always, our top priority is the safety of our children and staff, so the decision to close or delay opening is never an easy one.

HOW DO WE MAKE OUR DECISION?

In many cases our decision to open, close, or delay the center in bad weather will be in conjunction with the Philadelphia School District. On the occasion where our decision differs from that of the school district, it will be based on a careful analysis of all relevant factors, including:

- Information on road conditions
- Enforcement and road crews
- Amount of snow and/or ice accumulated
- Whether precipitation will continue throughout the day
- Temperature and wind chill
- Weather predictions (including those from a weather alert service)
- Storm timing, trajectory and projection
- Building conditions (such as whether our building's electricity and/or heat service is disrupted)
- Parking lot conditions

*Generally, LLI will be closed or delayed for inclement weather when local school districts and government are both closed or delayed. Still, our center has its own exclusive circumstance. Please contact us for the most up-to-date information in each unique situation.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

We strive to make decisions on delays and closings as many hours in advance as possible, in consideration of families who require time to make arrangements. The decision will be made the night before, or in uncertain conditions, not later than 5:30 a.m. on the morning of the closing. Please remember that communications will be sent as quickly as possible following a decision, via the Brightwheel App. Please make sure your contact information is up to date. It is quite possible that conditions or building issues could arise and not be discovered until after 7:00 a.m. In those cases, decisions on center closure may be made later in the day.

WILL WE CLOSE LITTLE LAMBS IN CONDITIONS WORSEN?

If conditions worsen throughout the school day, we may need to have an early dismissal, but we will give as much notice as possible through the previously mentioned methods of communication. However, it is very important for parents to have plans in place in case the decision needs to be made later. We encourage you to consider driving conditions. Always allow yourself plenty of time in the afternoon to pick up your child when the center closes early.

Although we do our absolute best in this process, we know that often no perfect decision exists. If you do not feel that it is safe for your child to attend, use your best judgment whether or not he or she should attend. We prefer to exercise flexibility in these situations as opposed to an inflexible policy.

DOES INCLEMENT WEATHER AFFECT TUITION?

There are no refunds or discounts issued due to inclement weather.