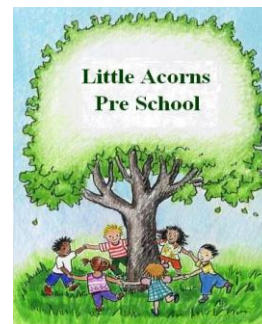


# Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment



## 8.8 Temporary Closure

### Policy Statement

Our setting believes that the health and safety of children is of paramount importance. We make our setting a safe and healthy place for children, parents, staff and volunteers by assessing and minimising the hazards and risks to enable the children to thrive in a healthy and safe environment.

The Pre-school may decide to close for a variety of reasons e.g. heating failure, flood, fire, weather conditions or extremely icy/snowy conditions. This list is not exhaustive.

If bad weather has occurred overnight, the pre-school will make enquiries with Sidegate Primary School and if the school site is deemed un-safe the head teacher may decide to close the site for the whole day or delay the start time. As both our settings are on the Primary school site any such decision will also be implemented by Little Acorns pre-school.

Little Acorns reserves the right to close the pre-school irrespective of the head teacher's decision.

Information regarding a closure will be placed on our website [www.littleacorns-ipswich.org.uk](http://www.littleacorns-ipswich.org.uk)

In the event of bad weather parents should ensure they listen to local radio stations for news on whether Sidegate Lane Primary School and Little Acorns Pre-School will be closed.

As little Acorns has two settings on the site of Sidegate primary School, we may have a scenario where an incident has occurred at one setting and not at the other. This would result in one setting being closed and the other remaining open.

#### Further guidance

- Sidegate Primary School – Emergency Procedures – [www.sidegate.net](http://www.sidegate.net)

**This policy was adopted at a meeting held by Little Acorns committee on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

**To be reviewed** **January 2018**

**Signed on behalf of the provider**

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