

Extreme weather policy

During periods of adverse weather, we must ensure the Health and safety of the children, staff, parents and visitors entering the Playgroup during all adverse weather conditions. Such as snow, Ice, high winds, extreme cold weather, heatwave and flood.

If any of these incident's impact on the ability for the Playgroup to operate, we will contact parents via Our Schools app, Facebook and the Playgroup Website. We will endeavour to open the Playgroup if this does not compromise the safety of everyone involved. A decision to close the Playgroup is not taken lightly, but may be made in the following circumstances:

When it is deemed unsafe for pupils/staff to access the preschool site (after a heavy fall of snow overnight) time may be needed to clear access routes and make the site safe)

- If there is a failure with the heating/water/ toilets/ electricity.
- When there are likely to be significant difficulties for pupils and staff to make their way safely to and from the Playgroup due to local road conditions.
- When there are significant difficulties for an adequate number of staff to travel safely to and from Playgroup due to road conditions

Staff will complete online training and complete necessary key person paperwork should this happen.

Hot weather

During extreme hot days a decision may be made to keep the children indoors for a period of their day. They will be offered a drink regularly and encouraged to cool down when needed. Sun cream and sunhats must be worn by the children in hot weather. Sun cream must be applied prior to arrival. If a child attends all day staff will apply sun cream after lunch. Parents will be asked to sign to give permission to do so. Parents should ensure they keep emergency contact details up to date. A termly email will be sent to ask for updates. An attempt to contact you individually may be made in the event of a closure.

If Playgroup is un-able to open due to adverse weather conditions, which is out of our control, it is within the terms and conditions that all fees still have to be paid in full re the registration form.

Weather deterioration during the day

In the event of the playgroup having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted by phone either at home or work and asked to collect their child. Such an early release will only be contemplated in extreme circumstances.

Staff who are likely to face particular difficulties in getting home may have to leave work early, taking into account their personal safety. Adult-child ratios will be adhered to at all times. We will contact parents should this situation arise to collect their child.

This policy was adopted by

Leverstock Green Playgroup

On

3rd March 2026

**Signed on behalf of the Management
Committee**



Role of signatory (e.g. chairperson etc.)

Chair