

STANDARD 1

– Child Protection



EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.3 Keeping safe	2.1 Respecting each other 2.2 Parents as partners	3.4 The wider context	

Standard 1.8 Adverse weather

We aim to ensure that Horsted Keynes Preschool is open to parents/carers during the opening times stated. However, there may be times due to adverse weather conditions that we must close.

These may include one or more of the following:

- Prolonged and excessively high temperature (35°C).
- Prolonged excessive low temperature (15°C).
- Any adverse weather such as excessive snow fall, flooding, icy conditions, resulting in travel to Preschool for our staff not being possible or safe.
- Loss of heat, light or water throughout the village hall.

The safety and well-being of our children, staff and parents is one of our most important concerns. Therefore, in the event of extremely bad weather, the following procedure will be followed:

- We will try to remain open if St Giles Primary School is open, but this may not always be possible and is dependent upon the condition of the surrounding roads and the ability of our staff members being able to safely travel to and from Preschool. By law we must have 50% of qualified staff present.
- We will try to give as much notice as possible if Preschool is to be closed.
- Parents/carers should check our website, closed Facebook group and our public Facebook page.
- Parents/carers should check their email for a message regarding closure of Preschool.
- If there is no announcement on Facebook, by text or by email, then parents/carers are asked to contact Preschool on 01825 791899 to ensure that staff have arrived. Please do not call before 9am.
- If only one member of staff has arrived at Preschool, parents/carers will be asked to wait with their child/ren until the required number of staff for the correct adult to child ratio is met. One of whom must be the Manager/deputy.

If the weather deteriorates throughout the day, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- If Preschool has to close, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child/ren. As much notice as possible will be given.
- Staff will remain on duty until all the children have been collected.
- We will also take account of local and national weather forecasts and may base our decision to close (or to remain closed during a prolonged snowy spell) on these.

Outside area in the snow

In the event of heavy snowfall, we will try to ensure a clear pathway into Preschool.


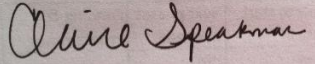

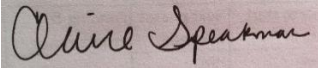
We understand the enjoyment that snow brings and believe that children should have the opportunity to play outside during snowy conditions as long as safety guidelines are followed. A decision will be made once a risk

assessment of the outside has area has been made. Please ensure that children are dressed warmly with Wellington boots as we only have a small number of spare wellies and coats.

Heat Waves

In the event of an extreme heat wave when the children are at Preschool, we will ensure that children are protected as reasonably practicable, from the effects of the sun or heat.

We will monitor children for heat exhaustion/heat stroke and offer water for hydration at regular intervals.

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