

## Play in Ltd Extreme Weather/Club Closure Policy

In the event of disruption caused by adverse weather or other environmental factors, the prime concern of Play in Ltd must always be to ensure the safety of our children and staff. We will always endeavour to open the setting, as long as it is safe to do so. The decision to close the setting will take account of the safety of all our children and staff.

## **After School Club**

In the event of a 'snow day' where all three schools we serve (for After School Club: Dore Primary, Totley Primary and Totley All Saints) are closed, we will also close, as there will be no children at the schools to collect. If, however, any one of the above mentioned schools does manage to remain open, we will also be open as normal.

## **Holiday Club and After School Club**

In the unlikely event that any Play in Ltd Club has to close due to the building being unsuitable to use or staff being unable to get to work, management will inform parents and carers as early as possible so they can make alternative childcare arrangements for that day.

Play in Ltd recognises there will be instances where families are unable to make it into the setting, even where the majority of children can. In such instances, parents should inform the setting of the circumstances of this situation, as Play in Ltd has a duty to clarify the reason as to why the child will be absent.

If the setting is open, but extreme weather develops during the day, we will aim to remain open as normal. However, this is not always possible when roads are becoming treacherous. In these extreme circumstances, parents will be contacted via telephone and asked to collect their children as soon as possible. It is important that parents/carers do not attempt to make contact the setting before any decision has been made about closure and wait for a communication to be sent out. This is to ensure that phone lines are kept clear.

Under these conditions we will take verbal permission for their child/children to be collected by a nominated adult. We will require all children who are collected to be signed out by a member of management and a parental safety check to be completed (i.e. Password and ID). Any remaining children will be assembled in groups under the supervision of Play in Ltd staff to await collection.

## Charges/Fees

Due to the fact that any of the above scenarios are out of the hands of the club, normal fees will still be paid and there will be no reimbursements.

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