

Adverse Weather

At **Fun Fest** we have an adverse weather policy in place to ensure our Club is prepared for all weather conditions that might affect the running of the Club such as floods, snow and heat waves.

If any of these impact on the ability of the Club to open or operate, we will contact parents via telephone, email or text message.

We will not take children outdoors where we judge that weather conditions make it unsafe to do so.

Flood

In the case of a flood we will follow our **Critical Incident Procedure** to enable all children and staff to be safe and continuity of care to be planned for.

Snow or other severe weather

If high snowfall, or another severe weather condition such as dense fog, is threatened during a club day then the manager or Director will take the decision as to whether to close the Club. This decision will take into account the safety of the children, their parents and the staff team. In the event of a planned closure during the Club Day, we will contact all parents to arrange for collection of their child.

In the event of staff shortages due to snow or other severe weather, we will contact all available off duty staff and/or agency staff and group the children differently until they are able to arrive. If necessary, we will ask parents to stay at the Club until staff have arrived to ensure we stay within our ratios.

Heat wave

Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside depending on the strength of the sun; children will not be allowed in the direct sunlight between 11.00am – 3.00pm on hot days between March and October, following the NHS Sun Safety advice. Shaded areas are provided to ensure children are able to still go out in hot weather, cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to. For further details please refer to our **Sun Care Policy**.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the Club	Date for review
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