



Inclement Weather / Snow Day Procedures

Closure prior to the opening of the school

If inclement or severe weather occurs prior to the opening of the school, the Supervisor will make a decision based on the specific criteria outlined below. Once a decision has been made to close the school, the supervisor will send out an email to all the parents and staff, no later than 6.30 am. The responsibility lies with parents to check their email in times of extreme weather conditions.

Closure of the centre during normal operating hours

If the school is open and weather conditions quickly deteriorate, the staff and management will ask parents to wait at the school until we can ensure that proper ratios are in effect prior to the parents leaving. The supervisor will continue to monitor and assess the conditions and take into account the safety of staff and families in returning home. In the event that the supervisor determines that the Centre must close during normal hours of operation, parents will be called and required to pick up their children as soon as possible.

Please be aware that if the school is closed or should close prior to regular closing hours, there will be no reimbursement or credit of childcare fees.

Criteria Used to Determine a Closure

- The Waterloo District School Board is closed
- School buses are not in operation
- Staff are unable to make a safe drive to work
- No power or water at the School
- Hazardous driving conditions and /or parking and access to the school is not risk free

Weather - Outside Play

We are required by the CCEYA regulations to have two outdoor play times - morning and afternoon. The exception to this is severe weather events. If a child is not able to participate in outside play due to illness, he/she should not attend child care.

Winter Cut-off (including wind chill)

We do not go outside when:

Colder than -15°C. Teachers will use their discretion to assess the conditions of the playground to determine the length of time outside, and how the children are coping. Wind gusts should not exceed 40 km/hour.

Summer Cut-off (including humidex)

Hotter than 40 degree celsius , including humidex factor. However, if the temperature reading is above 35°C, the teachers will use their discretion (seek shade, offer water, water play and limit time outdoors). The use of sunscreen is encouraged throughout the year as the weather dictates. Parents are asked to apply sunscreen to their child in the morning and the teachers will reapply it in the afternoon (as long as the parent has signed a permission form in the classroom). A bottle of sunscreen can be labeled and kept at the school. Please check the expiry dates on the sunscreen.