

## Health and Safety

### 3. 6 Bad Weather Policy

#### Policy statement

In the event of inclement weather, the Preschool Manager and Chair will liaise with each other. They will take into consideration local conditions and whether other Ely schools are planning to operate as normal when they decide whether or not to open the Preschool.

If the weather is bad, parents/carers should listen to the local radio station (BBC Radio Cambridgeshire - 95.7FM and 96.0FM) to see if the Pre-school is open, Those children paying session fees will have their fees refunded for the sessions that the Pre School is unable to open.

For early closures please refer to our Critical Incident policy (1.6). Any parent who is concerned about their child attending Rainbow during adverse weather conditions is welcome to collect their child at any time.

#### EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.3 Keeping Safe			

#### Procedures

- The Pre School Manager & Chair will liaise by telephone as early as possible on the day of the inclement weather and make a decision whether to open or close the Pre School, taking the above factors into account.
- If a decision is made to close, the Manager will contact staff as soon as possible.

- The Chair (and other committee staff if appropriate) will contact BBC Radio Cambridgeshire asking them to announce the closure on the air and on their website. The Chair will quote Rainbow's Ofsted URN (Unique Registration Number) and explain that, as an independent Pre School, we do not have a password issued to schools by the Local Education Authority;

◦ **Telephone no for BBC Radio Cambridgeshire – 08459 252000**

The Chair, and other committee members if appropriate, will make attempts to contact any affected parents they know personally, to inform them of the closure. The Chair will send out an email to all affected parents where we have an email address and announce it on the Rainbow Facebook page.

If appropriate, an Ely-based committee member or staff member will put a notice on the front door. However, no-one should risk their personal safety to do this.

**Further guidance**

Pre School Learning Alliance <http://www.pre-school.org.uk/>

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Rainbow Pre School
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Signed on behalf of the management committee	<hr/>
Name of signatories	<hr/> Lisa Brown & Lucy Daybell
Role of signatories (e.g. chair/owner)	<hr/> Co-Chair

