

Safeguarding Children

1.6 CRITICAL INCIDENT POLICY

Policy statement

In the event of a critical incident i.e. closure of the premises due to adverse weather conditions, heating failure, fire, flood or closure of nearby road or severe traffic jam; the safety and well-being of the children will be of paramount importance. This policy sets out the ways in which the setting would deal with a critical incident and how children would be kept safe.

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.3.Keeping safe	2.2 Parents as partners		

Procedures

- In the event that we need to evacuate the building one of the two evacuation packs located by back and front door will be collected and the current fire procedures will be activated and children will be escorted to the grass area outside Fairfax Court, using an Evacuation Rope.
- In the event of a bomb threat, the person taking the call will record all the details given over the phone as soon as possible. The Management will follow the fire evacuation procedure. Advice will then be sought by the Police.
- After emergency services have been contacted all efforts will then be made to contact parent/carers/emergency contacts.
- As many staff as possible would stay with the children for as long as necessary. No child would ever be left without a member of Rainbow staff with them.
- If your child cannot be collected in the event of an extreme critical incident and staff members need to return to their homes, the child will accompany a senior member of staff home. A message will be left, if possible, for the parent and police or social services will be informed of the staff member's address and child's name.
- If Rainbow Pre-School needs to close, all efforts will be made to inform parents before opening times. Staff will attempt to ring parents; we will notify the local radio station and put notices on the exterior doors if possible. Social Media may also be used to communicate with parents/carers.

- It is impossible for Rainbow to plan for every emergency which may arise; however, every effort will be made for the safety and convenience of Rainbow families.
- In the event of a critical incident, Ofsted and any other relevant agencies will be contacted. Staff and committee members will be informed as soon as possible.
- Staff, committee members and parent contact details are kept in a locked cabinet in the Rainbow Managers office. If an email is to be sent to all parents it is sent by one of Co-Chairs of Committee.

Further guidance

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

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Signed on behalf of Committee

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