**Adverse Weather Policy**

1.1 At Muddy Boots Nursery School LTD we have an adverse weather policy in place to ensure our nursery is prepared for all adverse weather such as floods, snow and heat waves.

If any of these incidents impact on the ability of the nursery to operate, we will contact parents via Phone or email and the earliest opportunity

**1.2 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.

**1.3 Snow**

If high snowfall is threatened during a nursery day then the manager on duty will take the decision as to whether to close the nursery. 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 nursery day we will contact all parents to arrange for collection of their child.

In the event of staff shortages due to snow we will contact all available off duty staff. If we are unable to maintain statutory ratio requirements after all avenues are explored we will contact Ofsted to inform them of this issue, recording all details in our incident file. If we feel the safety, health or welfare of the children is compromised then we will take the decision to close the nursery.

**1.4 Heat wave**

Please refer to our sun care policy.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **This policy was adopted on** | **Signed on behalf of the nursery** | **Date for review** |
| **Sept 2022** | **Dani Bowen**  | **Sept 2023** |