



Snow Policy

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Introduction

At BVNS, the safety of our children, staff, and families is our top priority. This Snow Policy outlines our procedures during heavy snowfall to ensure safety and minimize disruption.

Procedure in the Event of Heavy Snowfall

1. Staff Accessibility and Nursery Closure:

- All staff will make every effort to reach the nursery. However, if only one member of staff can access the nursery building, we will be forced to close for safety reasons.
- The nursery manager and deputy manager will attempt to access the village hall. If unsuccessful, they will contact all parents/guardians whose children are due in that day.

2. Communication with Parents:

- Updates will be posted on our Facebook page, including information and contact numbers.
- In case of snowfall during nursery hours that limits transportation and access, parents/guardians will be contacted to collect their children as soon as possible, as it may become necessary to close the nursery early.

3. Early Collection of Children:

- If conditions worsen during nursery hours, we will prioritize the safety of children and staff by requesting early collection. We ask parents to respond promptly to ensure everyone's safety.

4. Continued Updates:

- The nursery will continue to update parents via Facebook and direct communication (phone calls or texts) as the situation evolves.

5. Post-Snowfall Procedures:

- Once the snowfall has ceased, the nursery will assess the situation for the following day and communicate any decisions regarding reopening or continued closure.

6. Safety Measures:

- The nursery will ensure that paths are cleared and salted to the best of our ability, focusing on creating safe access to the building.

7. Review and Updates:

- This policy will be reviewed annually or after a significant snow event to ensure its effectiveness and relevance.