

**Norman Court Montessori CIC  
Adverse Weather Policy**

**Statutory Guidance**

Services for Young Children Website [www.hants.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.hants.gov.uk/childcare)

Keeping Children Safe in Education:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/550511/Keeping\\_children\\_safe\\_in\\_education.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/550511/Keeping_children_safe_in_education.pdf)

Statutory Framework for EYFS (2017):

[http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2017/03/EYFS\\_STATUTORY\\_FRAMEWORK\\_2017.pdf](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2017/03/EYFS_STATUTORY_FRAMEWORK_2017.pdf)

Children's Health Organisation <http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/sun-safety.html>

At Norman Court Montessori CIC we have an adverse weather policy in place to ensure we are prepared for all weather conditions that might affect the running of the setting such as floods, snow and heat waves.

If any of these incidents impact on the ability of the setting to open or operate, we will contact parents via phone or email as soon as reasonably practicable. We will also take steps to ensure this information is published on the Hampshire County Council webpage for closures. We will also inform OFSTED of any full day closures.

**Flood**

In the case of a flood we will follow our Major Incident Policy to enable all children and staff to be safe and continuity of care to be planned for.

**Snow or other severe weather**

If high snowfall, or another severe weather condition such as dense fog, is threatened during a setting day then the manager will take the decision as to whether to close the setting. This decision will take into account the safety of the children, their parents and the staff team.

In the event of a closure during the session, we will contact all parents to arrange for collection of their child.

In the event of staff shortages due to snow or other severe weather we will ask parents to stay with their children until staff are able to arrive. If we are unable to maintain statutory ratio requirements and/or we feel the safety, health or welfare of the children is compromised then we will take the decision to close the setting.

**Heat wave**

Please refer to our sun care policy.