SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

Introduction

Stepping Stones will endeavour to remain open where possible during bad weather conditions.

Policy

The opening of the setting will depend on several aspects, including;

1. The number of staff that are able to travel to work. Stepping Stones will remain open unless satisfactory staff/child ratios cannot be maintained.
2. Whether the building is at a suitable temperature for the children.
3. Access to the building and immediate area being safe.
4. Local primary and secondary schools stay open.

A decision will be made each day by the Manager or Business Manager as to whether the sessions are open. The website and Facebook will be updated, and emails will be sent where possible should the setting be closed/closing.

If weather conditions worsen throughout the day a decision to close early may be necessary, in order to ensure that all children and staff are able to get home safely in poor conditions. If this is the case, we will contact parents/carers via telephone as soon as possible to give enough time to arrange for early collection of children.

Should you have dropped your child at Breakfast club before the schools announce they are closing you will need to make arrangements straight away to collect your child.

In the unlikely event severe weather forces us to close, sessions will not be reimbursed for the first two days of closure.