



Early Bloomers After School Club Emergency Evacuation/Closure Procedure

Early Bloomers After School Club will make every effort to keep the Club open, but in exceptional circumstances, we may need to close at short notice. Our policy is in line with the non-statutory government guidance “Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children’s social care settings” (DfE, 2022)

Possible reasons for emergency closure include:

- Serious weather conditions
- Heating system failure / Burst water pipes
- Serious accident, assault or illness affecting one or more members of our Club
- Public health incidents (e.g. a significant infectious disease incident)
- Significant damage to property (e.g. fire)
- Criminal activity (e.g. bomb threat)
- The effects of a disaster in the local community

In the event of an emergency, our primary concern will be to ensure that both children and staff are kept safe. If it is necessary to evacuate the Club, the following steps will be taken:

- If appropriate, the manager or session supervisor will contact the emergency services.
- All children will be escorted from the building to the assembly point using the nearest safe exit.
- No attempt will be made to collect personal belongings, or to re-enter the building after evacuation.
- A nominated member of staff will check the premises and will collect the register (including emergency contact details) providing that this does not put anyone at risk.
- Before leaving the building, the nominated person will close all accessible doors and windows, if it is safe to do so.
- The register will be taken, and all children and staff accounted for.
- If any person is missing from the register, the emergency services will be informed immediately.
- The manager will contact parents to collect their children. If the register is not available, the manager will use the emergency contacts list (which is kept off site).
- All children will be supervised until they are safely collected.
- If after every attempt, a child’s parent or carers cannot be contacted, the Club will follow its **Uncollected Child** procedure.

If the Club has to close, even temporarily, or operate from alternative premises, as a result of the emergency, we will notify Ofsted.

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To be reviewed: yearly and/or following any changes in practice or legislation	Signed: Mrs Talvinder Kaur

Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (DfE, 2023)*:
Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment.
Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings (DfE, 2022)