



Health & Safety: Extreme Weather Policy

Forest School/Outdoor activities

High wind – woodland activities

- If it is very windy, or high wind is forecast, or if there is a thunderstorm very nearby, the children are not taken into the woods.
- If the wind is forecast to be over 34mph, Wildwood Nature School considers that it is too risky to be in the woods, so the children remain at school or are taken to other outdoor spaces without tree cover.
- If the wind increases unexpectedly during the day while the children are in the woods, they leave the woods as quickly as possible and return to school.

Thunderstorms – all outdoor activities (including with no tree cover)

- Thunderstorms are considered to be dangerous if there is less than a 3 second gap between lightning and thunder, indicating that the storm is close.
- In these conditions, if it is possible, the teacher will seek indoor shelter for the class nearby (eg. Queens Wood cafe or a park shelter). If nothing is available, the class will return to school as quickly as possible.

Sun Safety

- If we are likely to be in direct sun for prolonged periods, we wear sun cream and protective clothing.
- All adults act as positive role models – e.g. use sun cream, wear sun hats etc.
- Parents are encouraged to ensure they have applied sun cream to their child before the start of each session their child attends. We have sun cream available and will apply it if necessary. Parents have signed to say their children are allowed to have the school's sun cream applied or else will supply their own.