

## Cart Mill Family Centre Adverse Winter Weather January 2024



As snowy and windy weather is forecast, I thought it would be wise to give all parents/carers important information should we be faced with any severe weather conditions over the coming days or months.

- Our centre will remain open unless you are informed otherwise. If the weather should deteriorate rapidly during the night then the decision to close our centre may be taken before we open in the morning. If this should happen, please check our website, East Renfrewshire Council's website and Cart Mill and East Renfrewshire's Twitter feeds for the most up to date information.
- Please be advised that should we remain open, then it is ultimately your own responsibility to ensure the safety of your child coming to and from Cart Mill. If you feel that your personal circumstances make it unsafe for your child to attend on that day then of course you should make that decision for yourself. Please let us know if you decide to keep your child off or if they will be in later than planned by emailing or phoning and leaving a message.
- In the event of snow and during adverse weather, please don't worry about your child being late, the safety of both yourself and your child is of utmost importance.
- Should the centre be open but there is lots of snow or ice on the ground, the janitor will endeavour to clear paths as quickly as possible. The priority path, which will be cleared first, is a path running from the car park to the front door.
- If weather conditions deteriorate during the course of a day and we are required to begin sending children home early, **we will send a text and an email.** (Please ensure we have your current mobile number and email address.)
- Please understand that each establishment has a unique location and set of circumstances so if you hear that other schools or nurseries in the area are sending children home, please wait until you hear from us directly that we ourselves are beginning this closure procedure. If this notification is given, please don't panic. It would be really helpful if you were able to get to us as soon as possible, bearing in mind your own safety at all times.
- Due to adverse weather you may require to have your child picked up by someone who doesn't usually collect them. We would ask on this occasion that you send us an email letting us know the change as we would never give your child to an unknown adult.
- I would request that we are only asked to look after your child beyond the end of their normal session in exceptional circumstances and if there is no other option for the safety of your child. If you know you will be late to collect please let us know as we can then reassure your child if they are feeling a bit worried.
- I'm sure you will understand, I have a duty of care for staff and must ensure safety of staff. I may have to take the decision to send staff home in order of priority and according to their home address distance to the centre.
- If we are advised to withdraw the nursery service due to adverse weather we may have to contact you to collect your child earlier than their session finish time.
- Should Cart Mill require to remain closed for any period of time due to heavy snow or other adverse weather conditions, please refer to our website, East Renfrewshire's website and Cart Mill and East Renfrewshire's Twitter feeds. These will be updated each morning, as early as possible, with all relevant information.

I'm really hoping that we don't need to put these measures into place but felt it necessary to help you to forward plan, just in case.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss regarding any of this information, please don't hesitate to contact.

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