

## Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Child Protection

Providers must have and implement a policy, and procedures, to safeguard children.

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### Beech Green Nursery and Out of School Clubs



## Enforced Closure

### Policy statement

We aim to open our setting wherever possible. The safety of our children and staff are of paramount importance and all decisions regarding closure will be made with this in mind. On occasions it may be necessary to close the setting due to extreme weather conditions, heating failure, Polling Day arrangements, staffing shortages or any other unforeseen occurrence. If the setting is forced to close the procedure set out below will be followed.

### Procedures

In the case of the setting closing the decision will be made by the group leader and the Chair of the committee. The staff will contact all parents with children due to attend the session as soon as possible and inform them of the decision to close. In addition to staff contacting parents by phone there are several other systems that will be put into place to ensure clear information is provided.

- check the Local Authority Emergency Closure system website, which shows what schools are closed at [www.glosclosedschools.com](http://www.glosclosedschools.com)
- listen to announcements on local radio stations. Heart or Radio Gloucestershire
- check the setting website [www.beechgreennursery.co.uk](http://www.beechgreennursery.co.uk) - a message would be posted at the top of our home page if the setting is closed or due to close.
- if the setting is closed then signs will be on the gates to confirm this

**In the event of any enforced closure, any invoiced sessions will still need to be paid for.**