**Snow Policy**

Little Fingers day nursery will endeavour to remain open where possible during bad weather conditions. However the opening of the nursery will depend on several aspects.

If significant snow fall is threatened during the nursery day then management will take the decision as to whether to close the nursery or not. This decision will take into account the safety of the children, their parents and the staff team and that they are able to get home safely in such poor conditions. In the event of a planned closure or early closure, during the nursery day we will contact all parents to arrange for collection of their child.

Little Fingers will not remain open unless satisfactory staff/child ratios can still be maintained. If we are unable to maintain ratio requirements after all avenues are explored we will contact Ofsted to inform them of this issue.

In extreme weather conditions please listen to BBC radio Kent for notice that the nursery will not be opening at all. We will also aim to leave a recorded message on the nursery answer phone.

We do ask that parents ensure that they have emergency contacts in place to collect their child should problems with trains and traffic arise. If you do not have alternative arrangements in place please ensure you have enough time to travel safely to collect your child on time.

We are obviously conscious of the safety of both children and staff, and everyone’s wellbeing in extreme weather conditions.