

## **Weather Policy at Forest School**

### **Newick CE Primary School**

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1. The weather policy works alongside the clothing procedure which clearly states expectations for appropriate clothing of pupils and adults to attend Forest School sessions in all types of weather.
2. The Forest School site will be checked by Claire Green to ensure that the current weather conditions have not made the area unsafe to use.
3. We will not go to Forest School if the conditions are deemed dangerous such as in high winds, during thunder storms, or during periods of extreme cold.
4. We will use the BBC weather online forecast to make judgments about the expected conditions. Mrs Sophie Thomas will ultimately make the decision deeming if the weather is suitable for Forest School.
5. If the weather changes unexpectedly whilst pupils and adults are at Forest School, it will be the responsibility of Claire Green to make the decision to return to school as safely as possible.
6. In the case of extreme heat, children will be encouraged to drink plenty of water, wear suitable clothing, seek shelter from the sun when necessary and staff will monitor the situation and end session if necessary.
7. When it is wet a shelter will be built immediately by a trained adult so that there is a sheltered area that is available from the start that can be used.
8. Where children are distressed by extreme weather conditions a decision can be made to end a session either for that child or the in some cases the whole group. It is important to remember emotional wellbeing is as important as physical wellbeing.

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