


ADVERSE WEATHER Risk Assessment

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Site Address/Location:	East Bridgford St Peter's CE Academy Kneeton Road East Bridgford. Notts NG13 8PG					
Assessment Date:	16/04/2025			Lead Assessor(s):	Richard Tomlinson – Head Teacher Steve Maynard – Site Manager	
Authorised By: Review:	Health and safety Governor DAN JONES					
Who Might Be Affected	Employee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contractor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Visitor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pupil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other <input type="checkbox"/>	Member of Public/Third Party <input type="checkbox"/>

Hazards Considered	How might they be Harmed	Current Control/Mitigation Measures:	Risk
			High = H Medium = M Low = L Comments
HEAT Extreme heat	Sunstroke Dehydration sunburn	Consider staying inside if extreme heat Remind children/adults to drink water / refill water bottles *message reminder out to parents / children reminders Shade is a minimum in the playground, so use it Consider moving children to the field and sit against the hedge / shade. Define an area / no running around Drinking water provided – regular reminders to rehydrate Staff aware of children with medical conditions which may be made worse by heat (eg asthma, eczema, diabetes, epilepsy). Look out for signs of heat stress: dizziness, headache, nausea, flushed skin, fatigue.	M Consider early finishing / allow parents to collect earlier

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		School meals prepared on site so menu can be changed to ensure they are appropriate for the weather.	
HEAT Hot weather	Sunstroke Dehydration sunburn	Loose clothing (take jumpers, hoodies off). *message home, reminder of applying sun cream at home, sunhat, sunglasses, Consider a reduction of time outside Minimise running around Check classroom temperatures, consider working outdoors (shade) Minimise time in sunshine	L *shade sails and additional shading to be considered.
SNOW / ICE Storage / carrying of salt/grit Gritting	Spillage excess grit may cause slippage	Salt/grit to be stored by site manager in locked outdoor storage fenced area, next to the bin store. Clearly identifiable (yellow storage tub). Protective clothing to be worn when handling eg gloves Manual handling / wheelbarrow Excess salt/grit should be avoided. Site manager to identify areas where extra care is needed ie paths / walkways A clear route should be made	L
SNOW / ICE Snow clearance Slips, trips, falls due to snow / ice communication	Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Use appropriate tools, snow shovel Poor visibility Equipment hazards (put away) Compacted snow/ice	Space identified to deposit snow eg to the side of the playground Always clear snow before gritting. Ideally a 1m wide clearance ie for pushchairs, wheelchairs Snow/ice should not be brushed this could create black ice Staff / adults / children / visitors to be vigilant about snow / ice Consider staying inside. HT to make the call to go out or not. No running playtime. Additional staff to supervise. Snow/ice can melt mid-morning on our playground, usually clear by late morning/lunchtime onwards. HT to check and make the decision. Regular checks throughout the day. Staff to instruct pupils about snow/ice and how to conduct themselves for theirs and others safety. More first aiders on the playground when available, to help out If the Head Teacher permits outdoor playtime, arrangements should be made for students to remove snow and ice from their shoes before entering the building to minimise the risk of slips and falls. Text message to parents/carers reminding sturdy footwear	L
(HIGH) WINDS Injury to children/adults By objects being blown into them	Being blown over Equipment blown over or into children/adults	Consider staying inside Being blown over Equipment blown over or into children/adults fasten coats to prevent being blown over	L

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(HIGH) WINDS Damage prevention to school building	Secure objects, drains, doors, guttering. Ensure bin store is closed eg gates	Check & secure particular areas eg gates, bin store preventative checks day before weather forecast of high winds eg check fences, items likely to be blown over close classroom windows	L Tree survey to maintain safety of trees from falling, causing damage onto roof / windows
LIGHTNING Direct strike	death or injury	A lightning rod is on the school roof (library end) Chance of a direct lightning strike is millions to one Any forecast of lightning, stay indoors / cancel any outdoor activities / PE / outdoor learning Consider Lockdown procedure if lightning suddenly occurs and children/adults are outdoors	L Lightning conductor survey carried out
LIGHTNING Damage to school building	Direct strike	Stay indoors Forecast check	L Due to chance of a direct strike
Additional Notes			
Condition & maintenance surveys Review 2/3 years or as necessary website			