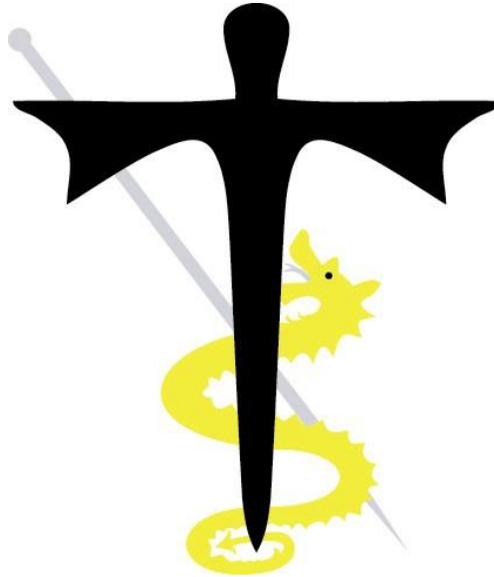

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Weather Policy

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Snow Policy

Ditchling (St Margaret's) CE School and Nursery will endeavour to remain open where possible during bad weather conditions. However, opening the Nursery will depend on several aspects. Firstly how many staff are able to travel to work safely; we will not remain open unless satisfactory staff/child ratios can be maintained, secondly, if the nursery is accessible and thirdly, if the building is at a suitable temperature for the children.

A decision will be made each day by the Headteacher as to whether the nursery will open and parents will be informed by email or telephone by 07:30. Announcements will also be placed on the website, outside of school building (if possible) and on local radio. If weather conditions worsen throughout the day, we may need to make the decision to close early in order to ensure all children and staff are able to get home safely. If this is the case, we will contact parents as soon as possible to give you time to collect their children.

Summer Policy

At the start of the Summer Term, we request **all** children come into Nursery with a sunhat and sun cream. If a parent would prefer to take these items home we request they are brought in on a daily basis. The staff will apply sun-cream to the children where parent permission has been given, (which is included within the induction pack letters). We will encourage the children to wear sunhats and drink lots of water. During extremely hot conditions, we will rearrange the day to play outside earlier in the morning when the weather is cooler and play in the shade.

Winter Policy

In winter we encourage children to bring in warm coats, welly boots, hat and gloves to nursery. Their Forest School clothing should be warm. We will arrange our provision to ensure children continue to get access to the outside areas and opportunities for appropriate timings and in appropriate clothing.

We request the children have appropriate (named) clothing for all weather, at all times.