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Adverse Weather Policy

Weather in the UK can be subject to change at short notice, heavy rain, thunderstorms and lightning can sometimes occur with very little warning and be very localised.

In the event of adverse weather it is very unlikely that Xtra Time will close or cancel our clubs, instead we would adjust the session plan to ensure the safety of our staff and children in our care. In the event of extreme weather conditions, for example heavy snow, Xtra Time's main concern will always be with the safety of our staff and children in their care.

When considering closure we will go by our intake of children. If one of the school/setting decides to close due to the weather. Xtra Time will make the decision whether it is viable to open the club for that day.

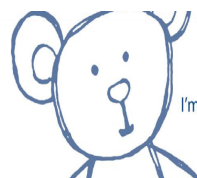
In the event of closure, staff will try to contact parents/carers as soon as possible. Please allow extra time getting to the session as local traffic will increase due to the weather.

Extremely Hot Weather

In the event that extremely hot weather impacts Xtra Time staff running a normal session, we will move children into an indoor hall (where available) and deliver the session as normal providing children with plenty of drinks breaks. Where an indoor hall is not available we will deliver a classroom based fun quiz in a cool classroom or outdoors under a tree with plenty of shade. We politely ask parents/carers to send their children to the club with weather appropriate clothing.

Extremely Cold Weather

In the event that extremely cold weather impacts Xtra Time staff running a normal session, we will move children into an indoor hall (where available) and deliver the



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session as normal. Where an indoor hall is not available we will deliver a classroom based fun quiz. We politely ask parents/carers to send their children to the club with weather appropriate clothing.

Heavy Rain

In the event that the heavy rain impacts Xtra Time staff running a normal session, we will move children indoors into an indoor hall (where available) and deliver the session as normal. Where an indoor hall is not available we will deliver a classroom based fun quiz.

Where there are high numbers of children attending the club and we have more than one Coach delivering the session, if the older children have weather appropriate clothing and we can still deliver a session in the rain, one coach will take the older children out and deliver a session for the older children and one coach will remain inside with the younger children.

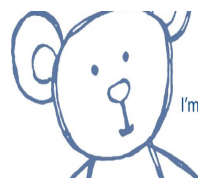
Thunderstorms/Lightning

Any exposed open area can be at risk when there is a risk of thunderstorms/lightning. If Xtra Time feels the weather makes the session unsafe to deliver then that session may be suspended / abandoned.

In the event that thunderstorms/lightning impacts Xtra Time staff running a normal session, we will move children into an indoor hall (where available) and deliver the session as normal. Where an indoor hall is not available we will deliver a classroom based fun quiz.

During a Thunderstorm

- When we hear thunder, we may already be within range of where the next ground flash may occur.
- The 30/30 rule is commonly used as a guideline for risk, count the seconds between seeing lightning and hearing thunder - if it is less than 30 seconds then we



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should seek shelter and get to a safe location, e.g., indoors (ideally structures with four solid walls and electrical and telephone wiring) until the lightning has passed.

- Keep watching and listening - 30 minutes after the last thunder /lightning it should be safe to resume (this is because electrical charges can still linger in clouds after a thunderstorm has seemingly passed).

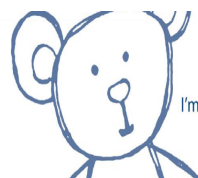
Unsafe areas and situations include:

- Open spaces, especially where large numbers of people are assembled together;
- Close vicinity to large structures or trees;
- Small permanent and temporary structures and shelters especially metal structures;
- Under a single tree or a small group of trees;
- Close to a large body of water;
- In open areas;
- Close to antenna towers;
- Anything that increases a person's height (umbrellas etc)
- Use of any type of telephone.

If someone is struck by lightning, getting them immediate assistance and prompt application of CPR could well save their life. People who have been struck by lightning do not carry any electrical charge so CPR can be applied without risk to the first aider.

Some schools/settings have defibrillators, these are located in different areas for each school/setting (in general the school office) and can be used by any Xtra Time if needed.

Heavy Snow



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If heavy snow occurs during a session, we will carry on running the session, but may contact you to come and collect your children early to make sure they are collected safely.

If heavy snowfall occurs we recommend that parents and carers do not attempt to enter the school/centre car park, but either park outside the school/centre or on a nearby road and walk in.

For regular snow updates please use the radio station and web address listed below.

Heart 96.6 Hertfordshire

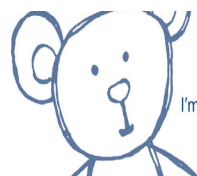
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