



Inclement Weather and Closure Policy

The St. George Children's Center strives to run a seamless program with little to no interruption in our day to day operations. However occasions may arise that are beyond the Center's control leaving us no alternative but to close. Our closure policy has been carefully developed to ensure the safety of both the children and the staff. It meets the requirements imposed on us by the Ministry of Education, and our insurance provider. The ultimate determination to close the Center is made by the Executive Director in consultation with the Board President.

The Center will be closed in the following circumstances:

- At 7:00am when the Center is scheduled to open, the power has been out for 2 hours. In the event that power is restored, and the Center is able to safely resume normal operations by 10:00am, it will re-open. Families will be contacted at this time. In the event of a power outage at the center during regular business hours that reaches the two hour mark the center will close and all parents will be notified by telephone. Children will be required to be picked up within 1 hour of notification.
- Inclement weather that renders the driving conditions unsafe for staff and children to arrive and depart the Center. If the determination is made to close the Center prior to the start of the day, it will be announced to parents via email, Facebook and on the radio at **CKPC 92.1FM**, and attempts will be made to contact all parents by phone. If the determination is made to close the Centre during the day, parents will be contacted by phone and email. Children will be required to be picked up within 1 hour of notification.
- In the event that St. George German Public School is closed due to emergency or unforeseen circumstances such as weather or power outage, there will **not** be an after school program. The school age children will be picked up from the public school.

The above list is not exhaustive. The Executive Director in consultation with the Board President may decide to close the Center for any other reason that calls into question the safety and wellbeing of the children and staff.

In the event of closures, regular fees are still due, including any fees paid for summer programs. However, any extra fees paid for PA Day or Christmas Holiday care will be applied as a credit to the family's account.