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## Outdoor Ted Weather Cancellation Policy

### Adverse Weather Conditions

Weather is an integral part of Outdoor Learning and it is a great way for children to regulate themselves and assess their own needs. As far as possible the sessions will continue in blustery wind, rain, very low temperature and even snow.

### Procedure

If the BBC, Met Office or Accuweather, warn of a **yellow weather warning** in the area It means the weather is likely to have some impact and disruption.

The site is home to many tall, thin birch trees that are severely affected by a yellow wind warning and therefore we feel it is not safe to go forward with the delivery of Outdoor Ted.

- Below is the Beaufort Scale that we take guidance from regarding the effects wind speed has on woodlands. Scale 6 where large branches of trees are in motion and whistling heard in wires the session will be postponed.
- Weather forecasts from various sources will be used to make participants aware of cancellations the day before if possible.
- The final decision will be made the day before following a conversation with the school organiser and a member of staff from Outdoor Ted. We recommend that the schools also monitor the weather in the days running up to the session to prepare for a possible cancellation.
- The session will then be re-arranged ASAP.

### Activities

On the days where the weather is changeable the activities we plan may change and the order in which we deliver the activities may also be changed, for example if the wind is due to increase in speed throughout the day we may decide to run the flint and steel, fire activities first thing or may be cancelled altogether.

We want the children to leave Outdoor Ted with a positive experience with an enthusiasm for spending more time in the outdoors. Continuing with session during adverse weather could have the opposite effect to our desired outcome. We would rather re-arrange a session than the children leave cold and miserable.

We are lucky to have an indoor classroom for children to warm up and shelter in during breaks and lunch times.



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WIND SPEEDS				
Scale	Description	Miles Per hour	Effects	Risk
0	Calm	0-1	smoke rises	
1	Light air	1-3	smoke drifts	
2	Light breeze	4-7	"Leaves rustle"	
3	Gentle breeze	8-12	"Twigs move"	
4	Moderate breeze	13-18	"Leaves and small branches sway"	
5	Fresh breeze	18-24	"Small trees sway"	
6	Strong breeze	25-31	"Large branches sway"	
7	Moderate gale	32-38	"Whole trees in motion"	
8	Fresh gale	39-46	"Twigs break off trees"	
9	Strong gale	47-55	"Branches break off trees"	
10	Whole gale	56-64	"Trees uprooted"	
11	Storm	65-74	"Widespread damage"	
12	Hurricane	75+	"Devastation"	

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