



Houghton Preschool, Lower North East Rd., Houghton

Preschool: 8380 5701

School: 8380 5216



# Bushfire Procedure

Our first concern at all times is the safety of the children at Houghton Preschool and playgroup.

*The preschool and playgroup will be CLOSED on a day declared CATASTROPHIC*

Our unique nature of bushfire danger in the Adelaide Hills, and on the advice of the Country Fire Services, Houghton preschool and playgroup at Houghton may be closed on days of Extreme bushfire weather conditions.

## **Three level of Alerts on TOTAL FIRE BAN DAY:**

Preschool will remain open, parents may prefer to keep children home.

Any excursions planned will be cancelled

Monitor radio station 891 AM

## **Advice Warning**

## **A fire has started**

1. This involves the whole area where children live, including the area which children travel through.
2. Houghton Preschool this will cover Banksia Park, Tea Tree Gully, Millbrook, Houghton, Paracombe, Inglewood and Kersbrook.
3. Parents/caregivers should collect children promptly if they can do so in safety.  
It should be remembered that children will not be released to unauthorised adults.
4. Preschool will be closed on this day.

5. Staff will remain with any child who has not been collected until such time as they can be released into the care of an authorised adult.

## **Watch and Act**

## **Fire approaching the building**

1. Should any children be at the kindergarten at this point staff will follow the Bushfire Response Plan.
2. **CFS** and **POLICE** will be informed that there are still people in the building.
3. Parents/caregivers will be advised by sms text message not to approach the preschool until the immediate danger has passed, as the bush refuge their children are currently in, is the safest place for them to be at that time.
4. Staff will prepare wet blankets and prepare to depart to the refuge building.

## **Emergency Warning**

## **Fire imminent**

1. The preschool is in the path of the fire, those left in the building will be taken to the bushfire refuge, with roll book, mobile phone, holding rope for children to hold and cover with wet blanket and go to refuge building. Roof sprinklers turned on if able. A supply box is located in refuge building with water, food and games for children until danger has passed.
2. Parents/caregivers should collect their child/ren when danger has passed and they are not putting themselves or others at risk.

## **Emergency Numbers**

**Police, Fire Ambulance 000**

**CFS Hotline 1300 362 361**

**Adelaide Hills Council 8408 0400**



**Government of South Australia**  
Department of Education and  
Children's Services