



Uraidla and Hills Community Kindergarten

Bushfire Safety Policy

This document outlines the Kindergarten's policy if a fire is present in the local community and advice for families on days of catastrophic weather conditions.

Our first concern at all times is the safety of the children.

On days of 'Code Red Catastrophic Fire Danger', the Kindergarten will be closed. In this event, no one will be in attendance at the kindergarten as specified by the Department for Education (DfE).
CFS Catastrophic Day Hotline 1800 00 279 or www.cfs.sa.gov.au

In this situation parents are encouraged to operate their own Bushfire Plans and include your children and their safety in your plans. Please do not include the kindergarten as a safe refuge for yourself.

Where the kindergarten has prior warning of a possible closure parents will be informed by either email/ text message or a phone call.

A prepared note will be placed on the front fence explaining why the kindergarten is closed.

On all other days the kindergarten will remain open; however, parents are encouraged to;

- Consider keeping your child home with you;
- Leave a contact phone number with educators if you are not going to be home;
- Listen to the radio (ABC radio AM891) during the kindergarten day for updated weather reports.

Please note that on days of a Total Fire Ban any excursions planned may be cancelled at the discretion of the Director.

Procedures for staff and students are well documented and practice fire drills for both internal and external fires are held at kindergarten on a regular basis.

If you are in the kindergarten grounds and hear the school bell ringing three times, then quickly move outside the building to the school oval.

If you are in the kindergarten grounds and hear the group time bell ringing continuously then quickly move inside the building.



When a fire has occurred adjacent to or is threatening the kindergarten

- Children and adults will be kept inside the kindergarten building and the Bushfire Action Plan (BAP) will be implemented.
- The Director is responsible for decision-making regarding the safety and movement of children and staff, unless police and emergency services personnel intervene directly.
- The Director remains responsible for the children until they are collected by their parents or emergency contacts.
- Children will only be released to those indicated as emergency contact people on the child's enrolment form or where the kindergarten has written permission from parents to release children to an alternate carer in a bushfire emergency or verbal permission at the time.
- Parents or emergency contacts must sign their children out before taking them.

Staff will stay with the children and remain on site until all children have been collected.

Please do not put yourselves at risk to collect your children.

Parents are welcome to view our **Bushfire Action Plan** available above the lockers.

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This policy was ratified by Governing Council 2022 and will be reviewed in 2025 or as required if earlier.

