TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS

Our centre will be closed on days of catastrophic or high bushfire likelihood.

IN CASE OF BUSHFIRE

Bridgewater Kindergarten is a designated Bushfire Safe Refuge for our students and staff.

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

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 and hear a whistle blowing continuously, quickly move to the paved area near the back verandah to receive instructions.

WHEN A FIRE HAS OCCURRED ADJACENT TO OR IS THREATENING THE KINDERGARTEN

- Children and adults will be kept inside the building and the Bushfire Action Plan, (BAP) will be followed.
- The Director remains responsible for the children until they are collected by their parents or emergency contacts.
- The children will be released to parents or emergency contacts as stated on the child’s enrolment form, but the CFS advises that it is safer during bushfires to stay in a building rather than travelling through a bushfire in a car! Parents should consider their own as well as their children’s safety before collecting their children.
- Parents or emergency contacts must sign their children out before taking them.

Staff will stay with the children until they have all been collected by their parents or emergency contacts.

Parents are welcome to view our Bushfire Action Plan on request.
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VERY IMPORTANT

FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION UPDATE

• Bridgewater Kindergarten is rated as an ’EXTREME FIRE RISK KINDERGARTEN’
• All schools, preschools, out of school hours in the Mt Lofty Fire Ban District, including Bridgewater Kindergarten, will be CLOSED on days when the FIRE DANGER INDEX is CATASTROPHIC = CODE RED

CODE RED means FIRE DANGER INDEX (FDI) must be 100 or more. FDI is calculated on the basis of the degree to which vegetation has cured; the wind speed; and the forecast temperature.

• Advanced warning will be given to schools, preschools and parents 48 hours before a CODE RED day.
• Confirmation of a CODE RED day will only occur after 4pm the day before (once it has been confirmed by the CFS).
• Parents will be able to confirm this by:
  1. Hotline 1800 000 279 which will operate the day before and through out site closures
  2. Signs displayed out the front of the kindergarten.
  3. Checking their e-mail. Director will e-mail all families who have provided their e-mail address if the kindy is to be closed, by 8pm the night before.
  5. ABC 891 radio and television.

• Bridgewater Kindergarten may be closed on days of EXTREME BUSHFIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS (on the advise of the CFS).
• FAMILY BUSHFIRE ACTION PLANS are vital. Part of this plan needs to address what action will be taken by the family when the child’s school or kindy is closed. THIS NEEDS TO BE DECIDED NOW. You need to protect your family.
• Up-to-date information is available from www.bushfirereadyschools.sa.gov.au.