BUSHFIRE PROCEDURES

Our first concern at all times is the safety of the children. The Kindergarten will be CLOSED on a day declared CATASTROPHIC.

Because of the unique nature of the bushfire danger in the Adelaide Hills, and on the advice of the Country Fire Services, schools and preschools in the Adelaide Hills may be closed on days of Extreme bushfire weather conditions. When these closures occur, all school bus services in the Adelaide Hills will be cancelled to minimise the risk of children and staff travelling on roads during times of high fire danger.

THREE LEVELS OF ALERT on TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS:

DAY OF TOTAL FIRE BAN IN MT. LOFTY AREA

Kindy open, but parents may prefer to keep children home.
Any excursions planned will be cancelled
Monitor Radio station AM 891
If conditions worsen, parents to collect children.

ADVICE WARNING

A FIRE HAS STARTED

1. This involves the whole area where children live, including the area through which the children travel.

2. For Stirling East Kindergarten this will cover Crafers, Crafers West, Upper Sturt, Piccadilly, Summertown, Carey Gully, Aldgate, Bridgewater, Heathfield, Mylor, Mt Lofty.
3. Parents/Guardians/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. Kindergarten will be closed to children and no further sessions will be offered on this day.

5. Staff members 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 will be advised by sms text message not to approach the kindergarten until the immediate danger has passed, as the bushfire refuge their children are currently in, is the safest place for them to be at that time.

4. Staff will prepare wet blankets and turn on hose sprinklers.

**EMERGENCY WARNING**

**FIRE IMINENT**

1. The kindergarten is in the path of the fire, those left in the building will be ushered into the of the Bushfire Refuge, with water, Daily sign in sheet and mobile phone and covered with wet blankets until the danger has passed.

2. Parents/Guardians/Caregivers should collect their children when the danger has passed and they are not putting themselves at risk.

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE  000  
CFS HOTLINE  1300 362 361  
ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL   8408 0400

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