

Extreme Cold Weather School Walking Policy

To keep **all children safe** and ensure **fairness for every family**, the daycare follows **one clear and consistent process** when deciding if children will be walked to and from school.

Temperature Cut-Offs

Children will **NOT** be walked to or from school if the temperature **with or without wind chill** is:

- **Kindergarten: -30°C or colder**
- **Grade 1 and up (Before & After School): -35°C or colder**

Official Weather App

- **WeatherCAN is the ONLY weather app used**
- **Other apps or websites will not be considered**

Download here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/weather-general-tools-resources/weathercan.html>

The official decision shared with parents is based on what daycare staff see in the weather app at **7:30 A.M. (morning walk)** and **3:00 P.M. (afternoon walk)**, as parent app readings may vary (apps may refresh at different times, internet connection may be limited, and device clocks may differ).

How Parents Will Be Notified

If the walk is cancelled:

- **A Remind App text** will be sent to all families
- **A notice will be posted on the front door** at both locations

Morning School Walk Decision

- Temperature is checked **once at exactly 7:30 A.M.**
- The decision is made based on the temperature at **7:30 A.M. and is final for the morning walk**

If the temperature meets or exceeds the cut-off:

- The school walk is **cancelled (B&A: -35/ Kinder -30 OR colder)**
- The decision **will NOT change**, even if:
 - The temperature improves shortly after
 - Another weather app shows a different temperature

Daycare Attendance on Cancelled Walk Days

Due to staffing requirements:

- **B&A and Kindergarten children CANNOT stay at the daycare** if the walk is cancelled
- Parents must **transport children to and from school** on these days

If the Weather Is Still Cold Later in the Day

If the temperature at **3:00 P.M.** is colder than:

- **-30°C for Kindergarten**, or
- **-35°C for B&A**,

then the afternoon walk is cancelled.

- The temperature is checked once at exactly **3:00 P.M.**
- The decision is based on that **3:00 P.M.** reading and is final for the afternoon walk.

Daycare communication schedule:

- **2:30 P.M.** - HEADS-UP message sent (reminder to watch for final decision)
- **3:00 P.M.** - FINAL cancellation message sent (if walk is cancelled)

If the Weather Warms Later in the Day

If the **morning walk was cancelled**, but temperatures warm later:

- The daycare **WILL pick up children after school ONLY if notified**

Parents must **TEXT by 3:15 P.M.** to confirm:

- That their child attended school and that daycare pick-up is needed
- If we do not receive a message by the required time, daycare will NOT pick up your child. We will assume your child did not attend school or has been picked up by a parent/guardian. No follow-up calls will be made.

Contact Numbers:

- **Before & After School:** 306-570-7539
- **Kindergarten:** 306-570-7541

Parent Responsibilities

Parents/guardians are responsible to:

- Download and refer to the **WeatherCAN App**
- Be subscribed to **Remind App** notifications
- Check messages on extreme cold days
- Make alternate transportation arrangements when required
- Contact daycare/B&A if pick-up after school is needed if weather warms later
- Remind children of daycare meeting point information if weather warms

Missing or not seeing a message does NOT change the walking decision.