



**RisingOaks**  
Early Learning Ontario  
Formerly Owl Child Care Services of Ontario

# Inclement Weather and Unexpected Centre Closures

## Why would centres close?

Closures may be due to snow storms, icy road conditions, power outages or frigid temperatures.

## How is the decision to close centres made?

In the event of inclement weather, RisingOaks Early Learning will close centres when the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) and the Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB) have decided to close schools. School boards try to make closure decisions by 6:00 a.m., and therefore, RisingOaks closures will be communicated immediately after hearing of school board decisions.

## Will credits be issued for unexpected centre closures?

RisingOaks does not issue credits for unexpected centre closures. Should you have questions regarding this policy, please email [info@RisingOaks.ca](mailto:info@RisingOaks.ca)

## Possible Situations

### 1. If buses are cancelled, schools will be closed.

RisingOaks Early Learning will be closed.

### 2. If school boards close schools.

RisingOaks Early Learning will be closed.

In the event of an individual school closure, due to lack of hydro, only the affected RisingOaks centre will close.

### 3. If school closures happen during the day.

RisingOaks Early Learning will request early pick up.

Closures that happen during the day may be a result of change in weather or road conditions. RisingOaks will make every effort to contact members by phone and email. Individual school closures, due to a power failure, will close only the affected RisingOaks centre.

## Weather Impacted Distance Learning Days

The school boards have implemented Weather Impacted Distance Learning Days for when schools are closed due to poor weather conditions. Students will be expected to log on and follow instruction/assignments from their teacher. If you have school-age children, check in with your teacher or school for more details.

Our educator team will reach out to families on these days to connect and identify learning opportunities.

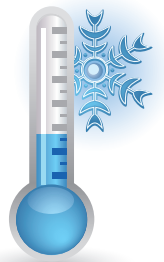
## How do frigid temperatures affect closures?

If the temperature reaches  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  with the wind-chill in the early morning, schools and RisingOaks centres may or may not be closed. We closely monitor weather conditions and resulting school board decisions that affect RisingOaks.

When schools close, due to frigid temperatures, it is RisingOaks' policy to also close centres.

In extreme cold there is an increased risk of evacuation and RisingOaks does not have access to regular emergency shelters - mainly other schools.

During frigid temperatures, frostbite can happen within minutes of skin being exposed. Younger ages are even more susceptible to extreme cold. If centres are open, please ensure children are dressed appropriately.



## How is RisingOaks closure information communicated?

- On our website: [www.RisingOaks.ca](http://www.RisingOaks.ca)
- On our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/RisingOaks.ca](http://www.facebook.com/RisingOaks.ca)
- We will send an email to all families.
- Radio announcements and Storm Centre postings: 570 News (AM 570), Kool FM (105.3), Dave FM (107.5) and CHYM FM