

# Severe Weather Notes...



Dear Parents,

We thank you for your patience as we get into our arrival and dismissal routines. Please be aware that our dismissal protocols are different when we are under severe weather. When we are alerted that there is severe weather (lightning strike), we must “seek shelter” and NOT release walkers/bike riders. Please be aware that severe weather does not necessarily mean that it is raining. As soon as we receive notification, we will send out a parent link, so please make sure that you are listening to your parent links and reading your emails. However, you will not get notification if your primary telephone number or email is not accurate. Please follow the protocols below.

- We encourage you to be a CAR RIDER during severe weather. Although the line may look long, it is definitely a lot quicker and drier. 😊 Always have your current pickup card on the driver’s side of the dashboard.
- When you park your car and change your dismissal to a walker, it slows down the dismissal process. It takes us longer to retrieve your child.
- If there is severe lightening or a torrential downpour, we may wait a few minutes before releasing your children. No need to have kids or staff out in sideways rain. 😊
- If you choose to be a walker, remain at the severe weather pick up area located by the south parking lot. Stay in an orderly line. We do not want your children walking into a crowd of adults.
- ALL walkers must be kept indoors. We will call for them upon you presenting the pickup card. If you do not have a CURRENT pickup card, your dismissal process will inevitably be delayed since we will have to check your identification against our records.
- All walkers must be picked up by an adult at 1:50 p.m. Parents, please have a severe weather pick up plan if you do not normally pick your child up.

We thank you for your understanding. Please know that we are continuously working on our processes to ensure the safety of your children and an expeditious dismissal.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

*Principal B. Rothman and the Forest Hills Staff*