

Mrs Bonds Village Nursery
UK Emergency Alert Policy

The UK Government has introduced an Emergency Alert system.

From .gov.uk website:

Emergency Alerts is a UK government service that will warn you if there's a danger to life nearby.

In an emergency, your mobile phone or tablet will receive an alert with advice about how to stay safe.

The government does not need to know your phone number or location to send you an alert.

Reasons you might get an alert

You may get alerts about:

- severe flooding
- fires
- extreme weather

Emergency alerts will only be sent by:

- the emergency services
- government departments, agencies and public bodies that deal with emergencies
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What happens when you get an emergency alert

Your mobile phone or tablet may:

- make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent
- vibrate
- read out the alert

The sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds.

An alert will include a phone number or a link to the GOV.UK website for more information.

You'll get alerts based on your current location - not where you live or work. You do not need to turn on location services to receive alerts.

What you need to do

When you get an alert, stop what you're doing and follow the instructions in the alert.

If an alert is issued during nursery hours we will follow this procedure:

- management will have mobile phones in the office and will be the first to identify the alert
- Depending on the level of urgency, staff will be able to go to their phones in their lockers to silence the alerts, as a large number of phones making loud noise/vibrating in the lockers may cause distress to the children.
- Management will follow the instructions in the alert, depending on what these are a plan will be put in place, this could be, but is not limited too:
 - Moving the children to a safe space (inside the building)
 - Following our Lockdown procedure
 - evacuating the premises
 - Contacting parents to collect children immediately
- Keeping the children and staff safe and making sure the parents are informed at all times will be our priority.