



Room Temperature

The environment for early learning and childcare and out of school care settings should be a comfortable temperature for children.

Temperature at Work

For those who get to work it is not uncommon for members to face heating failures or heating systems that are simply inadequate. Regulation 7 of the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 (SI 1992/3004) states that during working hours, the temperature in all workplaces inside buildings shall be reasonable. However, the Regulations do not provide a minimum workplace temperature. Whether or not a temperature is reasonable will depend on factors such as the nature of the workplace and the type of work that is being carried out. The Health and Safety Executive provides guidance on the Regulations, which recommends a minimum temperature of 16°C for workplaces where the activity is mainly sedentary, such as offices. For workplaces where much of the work involves physical effort, the minimum recommended temperature is 13°C.

The staff check the temperature each morning when arriving at the hall. If the temperature of the hall is too low for the children to be comfortable the staff will put the children in their outdoor clothes to go outside while the hall temperature comes up.

If the heating is broken and cannot be fixed in adequate time for preschool to open then the preschool will have to remain closed until it is fixed.