



## Adverse Weather Policy

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In the event of severe bad weather (heavy snow, ice, fog, floods) - I will remain open for any children who can get here, but may not be able to reach all the schools - should they remain open. It is for parents / guardians to decide whether to bring their child to me. However, should your child be with me and the weather takes a turn for the worst and I decide to close my service, then parents will be advised as soon as possible to come and collect their child.

If our electricity goes off during severe bad weather;

- My landline telephone will stop working. My mobile phone will however still work. Please use my mobile phone to contact me – 07950 353022.
- My heating will go off. I will make every effort to contact parents for them to come urgently to collect their child if the indoor temperature drops below a safe level.

If parents are delayed by severe bad weather, they should inform me as soon as possible and keep me updated. Their child will be kept safe and reassured during this time. If you cannot bring your child to me in the morning of their session, for instance if you are snowed in, please let me know.

I will always use common sense whether to go out on journeys or not. Care and attention always applies when children are out and about with me. If children arrive dressed appropriately for the weather - we can take the opportunity to go out in (and play!) in snow etc, but if children do not arrive in or have suitable clothes for outdoor play, we must stay inside.

If children's shoes / boots do not have soles suitable for severe weather conditions, they might fall more than usual during outings, outside play etc. Parents are responsible for ensuring children's footwear is suitable for the weather conditions. Please ensure your child has wellingtons / snow boots that fit them for use in the snow/extreme weather conditions.

If the weather permits then the usual childminding routine will still apply – i.e. playgroup, toddler groups, school runs etc.

- Please be aware that I will always walk to school for drop offs and collections. As such, children should be suitably dressed for the weather.
- If the weather deteriorates during the day parents/guardians must ensure that they leave work in good time or they have someone suitable who can collect if conditions mean travel will become an issue.
- If weather deteriorates and I am required to collect your child from school, I will then keep your child with me for the remainder of the day. In these circumstances, you will be charged for the additional time that I care for your child if the hours concerned are not within your normal contractual agreement.

I aim to always inform parents of weather conditions whilst their child is in my care to allow for earlier collection if necessary.

If parents decide **not** to send their child to me for their normal care – full fees will still be payable. If I deem conditions too unsuitable and have to close there will be no charge.