



## Bad Weather Policy: What I will do

It is my policy to ensure that children have the opportunity to explore and enjoy their environment in all weathers and to do this I will do the following.

### Provision

As we are subject in Kettering to the English weather, none of us live in perpetual sunshine. Most days the weather although varied is dry enough to spend part of the day outside and normal school attire is sufficient for the time a child is with The Den until a parent arrives. On days where we will need mufti, (extra home clothes) parents will be notified as far in advance as possible.

### Wet Days:

On wet days, it is important that the parent provides suitable clothing for their child, and we will encourage the child to think about the weather and ask to dress appropriately for it.

That might be wearing Wellington Boots when they arrive and bringing their shoes to wear at school in a bag.

- If appropriate The Den will collect Wellington Boots and take them back with us and return them to school that day when we collect the child.

That probably includes a coat or Overcoat that is Waterproof, and had a hood attached to it.

- (Showerproof items are fine for light rain and drizzle but not really good enough if you are going to spend more than 10 minutes outside in the rain.)
- Although on the good side, they are often very cheap to purchase, light to carry and flexible in how they can be packed into a child's bag and can be useful if there is uncertainty about the rain falling over us.)

It probably also includes a hood or hat to protect the child's head from getting very cold and wet and gloves.

It is not the policy of The Den to rush home in the rain and huddle inside. We will be following our plan as closely as is reasonable, going to the Park, walking home as usual and we intend to keep the children warm in this time by keeping them active and interested. We have suitable risk assessments for Wet Weather as the hazards encountered can be more severe.

On return to The Den we intend to have each child completely change into dry clothes and have something hot to drink and/or eat and to enjoy that warm fuzzy feeling of steamy windows and good stories.

We request that the parents lodge a spare set of dry clothes for six weeks at a time to be used in case of wet weather and any child getting wet for any other reason.





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This should consist of a small towel (hand towels are great), a fresh pair of pants, trousers, socks, t-shirt and jumper. Or equivalent garments that fit your child.

The Den will ensure that they have clear ponchos available to keep the rain off most of the child in case of emergency or sudden weather changes. While effective these are not really suitable for most outdoor activities and so I would encourage you to have the above available so the child is not restricted.

### Snow:

To children snow is magical, wonderful and very special.

At The Den we agree, but we also agree with parents that it is a nuisance, it's cold, it's disruptive to traffic, and the fear of not being able to get to a place at an agreed time is both frightening and frustrating.



We undertake to never add extra charges for any parent who is late collecting because of severe bad weather.

It can also be a time of great fun and activity with your own children should you decide to take time off with them, but one of the big worries around snow is what happens when the schools shut down.

If you choose to use our services in this sort of weather, we will open for these extra hours. If you are on an annual payment contract there will be no extra charge for this service, if you on any other contract with us these extra hours (if you choose to take them) will be charged at half your normal hourly rate.

The Den will implement a holiday programme to cover these days, which will include outdoor time, with a high chance of the child requiring a change of clothes specific to that day.