

Cold Weather & Winter Policy

Aim

To ensure children remain safe, warm, and comfortable during cold weather conditions while continuing outdoor learning where appropriate.

Procedure

- ⌘ Sessions will run in most cold weather conditions if it is safe to do so
- ⌘ Weather will be checked daily before sessions
- ⌘ Sessions may be shortened or adapted in extreme cold

Clothing Requirements

Parents must ensure children have:

- ⌘ Warm layered clothing
- ⌘ Waterproof coats and trousers
- ⌘ Hats, gloves, scarves
- ⌘ Insulated footwear

Safety Measures

- ⌘ Regular checks for signs of cold stress (shivering, pale skin, discomfort)
- ⌘ Children will be encouraged to stay active and moving
- ⌘ Warm-up breaks provided where needed
- ⌘ Shelter used where available

Extreme Conditions

Sessions may be cancelled or modified in:

- ⌘ Severe frost/ice making ground unsafe
- ⌘ Heavy snow reducing visibility or access
- ⌘ Extreme wind chill conditions

Staff Responsibilities

- ⌘ Monitor children closely for signs of being too cold
- ⌘ Adjust activities to maintain warmth and safety
- ⌘ Ensure hydration continues (even in cold weather)

