## **Adverse Weather Policy**

During times of adverse weather, I am happy to care for your child as normal so long as you feel it is safe and reasonable to do so. If I feel that the situation is worsening over the course of the day, I may call you to collect your child early or text you to update you on the situation. I understand that during adverse conditions you may be late to collect your child due to travel problems. I will of course continue to care for your child and provide them with any necessary snacks / meals until you arrive. I would appreciate if you could call me to let me know if you are going to be late so as I can inform your child and they do not become upset.

Adverse weather conditions may also affect our usual activities such as playgroups and other outings. I will not take your child out if the roads are not clear or it is not safe to travel. I would appreciate if you could ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather with plenty of warm clothes, wellington boots, hats, gloves, scarves etc. Whilst time spent outside in bad weather will be very limited, there may be times where we are sitting in the car waiting in traffic and it can be very cold.

## School / Nursery Children

If your child's school / nursery has been closed due to the bad weather, I am happy to provide care for your child so long as you feel it is safe and reasonable to do so. Normal fees will apply in this case. If you have been notified that your child's school / nursery is to close due to adverse weather during the course of the day, you must call to inform me. It is vitally important that I know if a child has been collected early. I may be able to collect your child for you depending on the severity of the weather and if I have any other children in my care. I will not take other children out if it is not safe.

## Non-Attendance

During adverse weather, unless I contact you, you should assume your child's place is available and that I am ready and willing to care for them. Please call and let me know as soon as possible if you decide that your child will not be attending or you are unable to bring them.

I understand that these times can be difficult and that you may not be able to get to your work due to your own transport arrangements but that should not affect my ability to work. If you will struggle to pay your child's fees during these times, please do not hesitate to speak to me in confidence and we can arrange a payment plan over a reasonable time period to settle what is due.

I would like to stress again that it is down to your own discretion whether you feel it is safe to bring your child. You will know the route to your home best and are therefore the best equipped to make that decision. The safety of your child is paramount.

Please do not hesitate to discuss this policy further with me if required.

