



## KATHLEEN MELLOR INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

### Policy Statement

Inclement weather is the existence of abnormal climatic conditions including but not limited to the following or any combination thereof:

- Extreme high temperatures
- Exposure to UV
- Rain
- Hail
- High winds
- Severe dust or electrical storm
- High humidity

The site manager must ensure, where hazards have been identified, a risk assessment is completed to determine the level of risk to staff, children and parents while performing work, activities and services in inclement weather.

The kindergarten has many large trees, which occasionally lose branches in high wind.

Falling objects and tree branches are highly hazardous and Staff will make a decision based on experience when the wind is considered to be too high for outside play.

### Our Policy States:

Where practicable, work tasks or activities should be:

- Performed in areas that are away from trees at times when there are high winds during the day.
- Relocated to indoors
- Children who are dressed appropriately are permitted to play in light rain providing there is a staff member willing to go out with the children to ensure their safety
- When playing in the rain children will be reminded of the rules for playing on wet surfaces, eg. no running etc.

### All parents will be given a copy of this policy upon enrolment and are requested to:

Ensure children have appropriate clothing for the weather, including hats, warm jumpers, rain coats and rain boots.

**A copy of this policy will be on display in the centre at all times.**

**The policy will apply to all users of the centre, including playgroups and Volunteers etc.**

**This policy will be reviewed and evaluated regularly by both staff and Governing Council and modified as required to ensure continued relevance to the centre.**