

# Elka Rainwear - Children

## Fabric Information

Elka rainwear is made from polyester coated with PU to give the garment it's waterproof properties. If the PU layer is damaged, the garment will immediately lose its waterproof properties.

## Washing and care guide

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to refer to the care labels for each specific garment and carefully follow instructions. The way you clean your waterproofs can make the difference from them lasting a few weeks to lasting a few years.

If you can, try not to wash waterproofs in the washing machine. Leave them muddy or use the bucket cleaning technique - see below. Do not use a cloth or brush to clean the rainwear as there is a risk of destroying the waterproof layer that gives the garment it's properties.

Fill a bucket with cool water. **DO NOT ADD ANY DETERGENT**. Close zips , velcro fastenings and flaps on jackets and trousers. Put the waterproofs into the bucket and slosh around. Two buckets may be necessary if they are particularly dirty. Hang up to dry in a position that allows air movement.

Elka rainwear clothing is machine washable, however you need to refer to the care label for each individual item of clothing. Please be aware that even if you follow the care instructions carefully, washing waterproof clothing in the washing machine will reduce their waterproof lifespan. If you are washing in a machine make sure the detergent compartment of your washing machine is clean of any detergent or softener. If you run a hot wash program whilst the machine is empty, prior to washing the waterproofs, it will help clear detergent or softener residue.

Never use fabric softener as this will break down the features of the garment. Zip up the zippers, close the press studs and **always** wash inside out.

**DETERGENT** - Waterproof clothing should never be washed using ordinary detergent or fabric softener. The chemicals in detergent can break down the composition of the fibres with each wash and strip the fabric of its waterproof coating.

**Remember to always check the label of your garment for exact care details.**

After washing the garment hang up to air dry. **DO NOT** tumble dry. Make sure all waterproofs are completely dry before storing away, to avoid them becoming moldy or musty. Avoid storing in direct sunlight.

If you notice that the fabric of your jacket or trousers is absorbing rather than repelling water you may also need to re-waterproof your garment.

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## Size Guide

Age in years	Height in cm
1	86
2	92
3	98
4	104
5	110
6	116
8	128
10	140
12	152

\* please note that sizes are approximate and for guidance only