



Inclement Weather Policy

In the case of inclement weather the following procedures will be implemented. The Principal and/or nominated staff member are responsible for making decisions as to inclement/unsafe weather conditions.

Hot Weather

- On days when the forecast maximum is greater than 35°C (and reaches this temperature before or during lunch and recess) children are to be in classrooms. A decision about lunch and recess play is at the discretion of the Principal or delegate.
- Outside activities (e.g. PE lessons) should only be conducted in the early part of the day.
- Participation in events off site on days over 35°C (e.g. excursions) will be determined according to the nature of the event and factors such as transport arrangements. In all cases the welfare of students and staff is to be the deciding factor.

Wet Weather

- On wet days children will be supervised at recess/lunch times and before school (from 8:30am) in classrooms.
- The Principal or delegate with the teacher on duty will monitor the weather before a decision is made on the conditions and the need for a wet weather bell.
- Inside play – 2 short rings of bell to be used to notify students/teachers of the decision for recess/lunch and before school.
- Outside Play – 3 short rings of bell to be used to notify students/teachers of the decision to allow recess/lunch to be 'outside' if conditions have improved.

Extreme Weather

- On days when there are extreme weather conditions e.g. wind, lightning, smoke, students are to be in classrooms. A decision about lunch and recess play is at the discretion of the Principal and/or nominated staff member.
- Participation in events off site on these days will be determined according to the nature of the event and factors such as transport arrangements. In all cases the welfare of students and staff is to be the deciding factor.

Supervision

On days of inclement weather classroom teachers will utilise open space learning provisions to release and support each other:

- Room 2 & 3
- Room 4 & 5
- Room 6 & 7
- Room 8 & 9 (NIT or Leadership)

Members of leadership and non-instruction teachers will offer opportunities for classroom teachers to be released to ensure that they are provided with some break time during the day. If a teacher has not been released it is their responsibility to phone leadership.

This policy was last ratified by Governing Council in:

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