



Inclement Weather (Wet Day/Hot Day)

Rationale:

Schools have a duty of care to staff and students at all times. This duty of care includes protection against inclement weather during times when students would normally be outside. As part of the usual yard duty timetable process, an inclement weather timetable will be activated by the Principal when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff. Inclement weather is generally defined as extreme heat, rain, lightning, or any other condition that is considered by the Principal to be unsuitable.

Aims:

To ensure the wellbeing of students and staff during times of inclement weather by consistently implementing a planned management strategy that will cater for all circumstances.

Implementation:

Where inclement weather is obvious prior to children being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, an announcement will be made by the Principal / Deputy Principal advising class teachers to follow the inclement weather time-table.

In such cases, children will remain in their learning area for the duration of the break. During this time indoor activities will be provided for the children to enjoy.

The inclement weather duty timetable will be implemented on such days.

In the case of inclement weather during a recess break, the Principal / Deputy Principal will assess the situation and make the decision to call the children inside, or alternatively, to seek adequate shelter, in which case the yard duty teachers will continue to supervise outside.

In the event of children being required to come inside, they will be directed to their learning areas and the inclement weather duty timetable will be implemented.

All staff and students are required to wear the school hat during terms 1 and 4 consistent with the school's Sunsmart policy.

Scheduled sport, physical education or other outside activities will need to be rescheduled or alternatively organised during times of inclement weather.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified in June 2014.