



ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

PURPOSE:

To protect students and staff in the event of adverse weather conditions

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Administration will make the decision regarding the implementation of these guidelines as required. Notification will be made either before recess and/or lunch times via the PA.

1. UNDER COVER DAY (showers with fine periods)

- Normal Duty Roster is implemented at recess
- Students are dismissed from class as per a usual day.
- During recess or lunch if it begins to rain, the Duty teacher will call students in from playing with the blow of a whistle. They will send students out to play if weather clears.
- Student will remain under cover (verandas, under cover area, Library) until the Duty Teacher releases them to play.
- Administration to provide support as necessary.
- Whistles available in Duty Folders.
- Should the weather continue to deteriorate, Duty Teachers and/or Admin may sound the siren early, effectively cancelling recess/lunch.
- Library will be open for student usage.

2. WET WEATHER DAY (heavy rain or extremes in climatic conditions)

- Duty Roster is collapsed with everyone on duty and assuming responsibility for their own class in their classroom
- Block collaboration to determine how to manage children eg. board games, IWB activities, classroom management etc.
- Teachers to ensure they have an opportunity to have recess/lunch through negotiating class supervision with colleagues.
- Library will be closed for student usage.
- Should weather clear, individual classroom teachers can take their own students out for recess and/or lunch – Teachers must supervise their own class and keep them in a confined area.
- Admin to give support as necessary.

3. EXTREME WEATHER (Heat, thunder lightning and high winds)

- Administration will make the decision whether the climatic conditions warrant action in regards to extreme weather and this will be announced via the PA
- The physical and emotional well-being of students is of paramount importance
- Actions to be undertaken may include:
 - Staff directing students to frequently re-hydrate (extreme hot weather)
 - Staff directing students to take some time-out in the shade
 - Learning programs to be modified according to conditions
 - Physical Education program to be modified or not undertaken
 - Cancellation of recess and/or lunch as per Wet Weather Days

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