



Strathmore
PRIMARY SCHOOL No.4612

Strive to Achieve

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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.

AIM

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

Inclement weather is generally defined as extreme heat, wind, rain, lightning or any other condition that is considered by the Principal / Assistant Principal to be unsuitable.

- As part of the usual yard duty timetable process, an inclement weather timetable will be activated by the Principal / Assistant Principal when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff.
- Where inclement weather is obvious prior to students being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, an announcement will be made by the Principal / Assistant Principal advising class teachers to follow the inclement weather timetable until further notice.
- In such cases, all teachers will share responsibility for the supervision of grades according to the inclement weather roster distributed at the beginning of each year.
- All students will be confined to classrooms unless permission has been granted by a teacher to leave temporarily, eg. toilet break.
- Students will be expected to undertake appropriate indoor games and activities that enable them to remain seated and quiet.
- In the case of inclement weather during a recess break, a yard duty teacher will inform the Principal / Assistant Principal of the possible need to activate the inclement weather timetable. The Principal / Assistant Principal will assess the situation and make the decision to call the students inside.
- In the event of the temperature exceeding 30°C, an announcement will be made over the PA system directing students to play quietly in the shade and to remember to drink water in their recess breaks. Yard duty teachers will monitor students' play.
- In the event of students being required to come inside the school buildings, yard duty teachers will supervise the corridor briefly while designated teachers make their way to the classrooms that they are required to supervise.

- All staff and students are required to wear broad-brimmed hats during terms 1 and 4 consistent with the school's Sunsmart policy.
- During inclement weather, sport, physical education or other outside activities will need to be re-scheduled or alternatively organised in shaded areas.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the school's Sunsmart Policy.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's on-going review cycle. It is anticipated that the policy will be reviewed after four years of implementation, however, changes as deemed necessary by the school's leadership and/or changes in Departmental terminology may necessitate that the policy is reviewed at an earlier time.