



Extreme Weather Policy

Rationale

To ensure the health and safety of all children when the weather conditions are extreme.
To provide alternative activities for children when weather conditions are extreme.

Definitions

A numerical reading of a thermometer or the sighting of rain does not define "Extreme Weather". It is judgement to be made by Administration.

As a guide it is expected the temperature would be 43 plus or the rain could be described as substantial.

Action

In the event of the weather being "extreme" the following action will occur. These are to be read in the context of hot and/or wet:

- Teachers to supervise the children in their classrooms as they eat lunch. This can be done in conjunction with neighbouring classes thereby requiring one teacher for every two classes. (Hot/Wet)
- Play will be permitted only in shade areas of the playground. No sporting equipment will be allowed. (Hot)
- No outside of classroom play session. (Wet)
- The Library, Music Room, Junior and Senior Wet Area will be open for children to use after eating lunch. Duty teachers and rostered teachers will be used to supervise the children. The roster will be displayed in the Staffroom for common planning. (Hot/Wet)
- Outside lessons, such as Physical Education, are to be undertaken in shade areas or modified for inside the classes. (Hot/Wet)
- Children will be given more access to drinks. This could be more use of drink bubblers or drinks in the class. Each class teacher will negotiate his or her class's practice in this regard. (Hot)
- Each class to have an Extreme Weather Folder. The folder will have a series of suitable activities for the children to participate in during periods of "extreme weather". (Hot/Wet)

N.B.

The decision to call conditions "extreme" will be undertaken by Administration and reviewed throughout the day.

A message explaining action to be taken will be broadcast over the P.A. System immediately prior to the recess or lunch break.