

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY (2023-2027)



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Morang South Primary School office on 9404 1548.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to explain to the Morang South Primary School community how our school will approach inclement weather as it arises during the school year.

SCOPE

Schools have a duty of care to staff and students at all times. This duty of care includes protection against inclement weather. Our aim is 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.

POLICY

- 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, dust, wind, cold or any other condition that is considered by the Principal to be unsuitable.
- Where inclement weather is obvious prior to children 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 time-table until further notice.
- In such cases, teachers will supervise a number of grades (as previously agreed to by the teachers concerned), for half the recess or lunch break, then swap over.
- All teachers, other than classroom teachers, will similarly share supervision of students as per the extreme weather timetable.
- All children will be confined to classrooms or designated areas unless permission has been granted by a teacher to leave temporarily, e.g. toilet break.
- Children will be expected to walk indoors at all times and undertake appropriate indoor games and activities.
- In the case of unpredicted inclement weather occurring 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 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 the school buildings, yard duty teachers will supervise the children as they make their way to their designated area.
- All staff and students are required to wear broad-brimmed hats during terms 1 and 4 consistent with the school's Sunsmart policy.
- Excursions, camps, scheduled sport, physical education or other outside activities may need to be reorganised or rescheduled should inclement weather occur be predicted.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):

- [Child Safe Standards](#)
- [Duty of Care](#)
- [Supervision of Students](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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