



Inclement Weather Policy

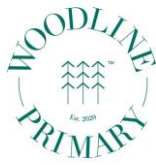
Purpose:	To protect children against inclement weather as part of Woodline's Duty of Care.
Scope:	All persons within the Woodline Primary community
Implemented by:	Principal
Approved by:	WP Board
Reviewed:	Every two years or as legislative changes or improvements are identified
Communicated via:	Policies and Procedures Master File, Team Meetings

1. Purpose

The wellbeing and safety of children and Team members during times of inclement weather will be ensured by consistently implementing a planned management strategy that will cater for all circumstances. While Woodline is an all-weather play school, occasionally the weather presents safety risks, and the safety of all people onsite is our priority

2. Implementation

- As part of the usual play supervision process, an inclement weather timetable will be activated by an Executive Team member, or nominee, when conditions outside are considered to be unsafe for children and Team members
- Inclement weather is generally defined as extreme heat, rain, lightning, wind or any other condition that is considered by the Executive Team or nominee to be unsuitable
- When wind exceed 40km/h an inclement weather play supervision timetable is implemented
- When heat is greater than 36 degrees, Zone 3 will be closed and children will be asked to play in the shade
- Where inclement weather is obvious prior to children being dismissed for a morning tea or lunch break, an email will be distributed by the Executive Team or nominee advising Guides to follow the inclement weather rhythm until further notice
- In such cases, Guides will supervise a designated area for a designated timeframe
- All children will be confined to learning spaces unless permission has been granted by a Guide to leave temporarily, e.g. toilet break
- Children will be expected to undertake appropriate indoor games and activities
- In the case of inclement weather during morning tea or lunch, a supervision Guide will inform the Executive Team or nominee of the possible need to activate the inclement weather rhythm



- The Executive Team or nominee will assess the situation and make the decision to call the children inside or alternatively, to seek adequate shelter, in which case the play supervision Guide will continue to supervise outside
- In the event of an Extreme Weather alert being instigated at school finishing time: Caregivers will be advised by Compass and Facebook that an Extreme Weather Alert is in place and when it is lifted [after weather clears] Children are to remain in their learning spaces with their Guides until notified to leave Remaining children will be moved to the kitchen with a supervising Guide to After School Clubs
- It is vital during these times that Team members regularly check emails for updates
- All Team members and children are required to wear sun smart hats from September through to April consistent with Woodline's SunSmart Policy
- Scheduled sport, physical education, school gatherings or other outside activities maybe rescheduled or cancelled

Table of Amendments

Version Number	Date	Short description of amendment
1.0	June 2024	New policy
Scheduled Review Date		June 2026