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INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

GENERAL: Occasionally WEATHER CONDITIONS may be encountered that require change to normal yard duty/play routines at RECESS and LUNCH TIME to ensure the wellbeing of students and staff. These conditions may also impact curriculum and extra curricula activities and may result in changes. Inclement weather is the existence of abnormal climatic conditions including but not limited to the following:

- Extreme high temperatures
- Exposure to ultraviolet radiation (refer to our SunSmart policy)
- Rain
- Hail
- High winds
- Severe dust or electrical storm
- High humidity
- Snow

GUIDELINES:

RAIN – When it rains at recess/lunch-time (for anything but a brief passing shower) students and the yard-duty teacher must go to the library. It is the responsibility of the YARD-DUTY TEACHER to inform students to move indoors. Students confined to the library during recess/lunch-time due to rain may engage in any 'informal' activities as determined by the teacher on duty. Should the rain stop, students may return to the yard and the normal yard duty roster is maintained.

EXTREME WEATHER – The air conditioned school library is open to students at recess and lunch-time at the teacher's discretion. It is the responsibility of the YARD-DUTY TEACHER to inform students to move indoors. Students confined to the library during recess/lunch-time due to hot weather may engage in any 'informal' activities as determined by the teacher on duty.

EATING OF RECESS & LUNCH – Students are required to sit in the lunch shed or pergola at the front of the school to eat their recess and lunch. Students may then move in to the library as instructed by the teacher on duty. On days of extreme weather conditions (extreme heat, cold, wind and rain) students may be instructed to eat their recess and/or lunch in the library whilst supervised by the teacher on duty. They may stay in that area or directed to play outside depending on conditions.

CURRICULUM / EXCURSIONS / EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITES

Where an excursion or extra curricula activity is planned on a day of inclement weather, leadership will determine the safety of the activity and whether it should continue. Leadership will also monitor weather conditions and notify staff and families as soon as possible by SMS. This may also apply to activities planned in the general curriculum. A risk assessment will be carried out and risk controls put in place.

In the case of extreme/unpredictable weather conditions normal invacuation/evacuation emergency procedures will be followed.

RESOURCES:

Bureau of Meteorology (BOM), Country Fire Service (CFS), State Emergency Service (SES) and DECD Inclement Weather & Sun Protection Procedure