



ABERFOYLE HUB PRIMARY SCHOOL

We Value Relationships, Responsibility, Resilience and Respect

Inclement Weather Conditions

May also include dust, wind and storms

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The Leadership Team is responsible for declaring when this policy is to be implemented. Common sense is to be the guiding principle of this policy.

Hot Weather

When the 12:00pm temperature is 37°C+ as ascertained by the Aberfoyle Park temperature reading from the Bureau of Meteorology website (<http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/observations/saall.shtml>), lunch play is shortened. Children play outside from 12:50pm until 1:10pm

- Leadership Team is responsible for ringing the inclement weather bell (3 short rings) to notify that the policy is in place, and for notifying each unit that the policy is to be implemented.

Duty times become

- 1st duty: 12:50 –1:00pm
- 2nd duty 1:00-1:10pm
- Students spend 1:10pm-1:30pm in class; teachers share the responsibility of supervising students within each unit.
- Lunchtime activities are cancelled.
- Students in Time Out are required to complete their time the next school day.

When the temperature is 40°C+ at Midday as ascertained by the Aberfoyle Park temperature reading from the Bureau of Meteorology website (<http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/observations/saall.shtml>), students remain inside for the duration of lunch, supervised by teachers within units. Continuous days of hot weather or excessive heat may result in no recess play and/ or limited lunch play; this decision will be made at the discretion of the Leadership Team.

Wet Weather

- Leadership Team is responsible for ringing the inclement weather bell (3 short rings) signal all students and staff return to class. Class teachers are responsible for organising a roster, to ensure the students in their class are supervised.
- Phones should be taken on duty to contact SSOs to help Special Class students to return to class. Special Ed teachers should remain with Special Class students when inclement weather has led to a change in play conditions.
- At the discretion of yard duty teachers, if the rainfall is very light, the students may remain outside but under the covered areas of the yard only (e.g. courtyard, playgrounds, pergolas, verandahs). Children must leave the ovals and hard play areas. Oval yard duty teachers move to support the other yard duty areas. If the rain ceases, the top oval duty teacher can reopen the hard play areas. The ovals may remain closed until they dry out.
- If the weather clears during a playtime the Leadership Team is responsible for ringing the return to play bell (2 short rings) for all students to return to play areas and normal yard duty roster resumes.
- If the ovals are unfit for use as a result of rain the grounds person or Leadership Team member is responsible for placement of orange “witches’ hats” to indicate the ovals are closed.