

# Inclement Weather Policy

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Related Department for Education policies, procedures, guidelines, standards, frameworks	DfE Inclement Weather and Sun Protection Guidelines
Responsibility	School Leadership and Governing Council

## Context

Ceduna Area School aims to provide a safe environment for Students, Staff, Families and Visitors. At times weather conditions can place people on our School Grounds in unsafe situations. The Inclement Weather Policy provides procedures which will maximise the safety of every person on our site.

## Definitions

Inclement weather includes:

- Extreme temperatures
- Heavy rain or hail
- Strong winds
- Severe dust or electrical storm

The Leadership Team will monitor daily weather forecasts (Bureau of Meteorology) and identify any potential inclement weather risks.

## Hot Weather Protocols

Hot weather protocols will be enacted if the temperature reaches 38 degrees or greater. The Hot weather bells will sound at recess and/or lunch time if this temperature is reached and all students will remain inside for the break. We do not close because of hot weather as all our classrooms and general purpose learning areas across the school are air conditioned.

## Recess and Lunch Breaks

The Inclement weather siren (3 short blasts) will ring and all students will remain inside their classrooms during recess and/or lunch, supervised by Teachers.

Specialist Teachers will report to Leadership in their areas and will provide release for any Teachers who require it.

## Physical Education Lessons

Physical Education lessons will be modified to accommodate the weather. PE teachers will have priority for using the gym on these days to enable the learning program to continue in a suitably modified fashion. Frequent water breaks will be provided. There will be no outside lessons when the temperature on any given day reaches 38 degrees or more.

## School Sport and Excursions

Sporting matches and practices will be cancelled on days when the temperature is expected to reach 38 degrees or more. Exceptions to this rule are possible if the event is scheduled to start early and finish early in the day. A risk assessment must be made in this instance and approved by the Principal or delegate. Coaches/coordinators are responsible for communicating this decision to

players and parents. In significant heat, the appropriateness of any planned excursions will be reviewed.

### **Wet Weather Protocols**

If the Executive Leadership team observe that it is raining before a break time the wet weather bell will be rung to signal that students will remain inside classrooms. If rain begins during play time the bell will also be rung and students will return to their classrooms.

When wet weather protocols are enacted students will play indoors. Students will be supervised in classrooms by class teachers who may be relieved by Leadership or other available Teachers.