

TALBOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

Rationale:

- Schools have a duty of care to staff and students at all times. This duty of care includes protection against extreme weather during times when students would normally be outside.

Aims:

- To ensure the wellbeing of students and staff during times of extreme weather by consistently implementing a planned management strategy that will cater for all circumstances.

Implementation:

- As part of the usual yard duty timetable process, an extreme weather timetable will be activated by the Principal when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff.
- Extreme weather is generally defined as excessive heat, cold, wind, rain, lightning, or any other condition that is considered by the Principal to be unsuitable.
- Where extreme weather is obvious prior to children being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, an announcement will be made by the Principal or delegate advising class teachers to follow the extreme weather time-table until further notice.
- In such cases, the teacher on duty will supervise children in the 'Learning Street'.
- All children will remain indoors unless permission is given to go to the toilet.
- Children will be expected to move safely indoors at all times and undertake appropriate indoor games and activities quietly.
- In the case of extreme weather during a recess break the yard teacher will ring the bell, bring children inside and continue duty in the Learning Street.
- The Principal or delegate will monitor the situation and make the decision to either remain inside or return to the yard depending on the weather.
- All students are required to wear broad-brimmed hats during terms 1 and 4 consistent with the school's Sunsmart policy. Staff are also required to wear broad brimmed hats. Sunscreen is available at all times.
- Scheduled sport, physical education or other outside activities will need to be rescheduled or alternatively organised during times of extreme weather.

Responsibility:

- It is the responsibility of principals to ensure their staff are aware of this policy and to provide each of them with a copy. It is the responsibility of individuals to abide by this policy.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... 2016

Principal's signature: _____

School Council President's signature: _____

Date: _____