

POLICY: EXTREME WEATHER (HOT/WET)

1. Rationale

The staff of St Michael's Primary School understand the importance of ensuring the safety of our community at all times irrespective of climatic conditions. We realise that extreme variations in climate may have a detrimental effect upon both children and adults.

2. Aims

- 2.1 For all within the school community to support the school staff in its implementation of the policy.
- 2.2 For all parents to be aware of why the school has a policy on extreme climatic conditions.
- 2.3 For children to follow implicitly instructions from staff when extreme climatic conditions exist.

3. Implementation

- 3.1 At the beginning of each period (recess and lunch) when the children are usually outside the classroom in their designated eating or play areas, the Assistant Principal or another person nominated by them will determine if the prevailing climate conditions are suitable for the children to be outside.
- 3.2 An announcement will be made by the Assistant Principal or delegate prior to the commencement of recess and lunch to inform the community of the reasons for any changes (extreme weather, hot/wet).
- 3.3 When all members of the community have been informed regarding changes, staff will be asked to divide their supervision responsibilities as indicated on the current duty roster list.
- 3.4 Children will be instructed with regard to the behaviour expected of them when in the classroom during extreme weather (hot/wet).
- 3.5 Children will be allowed to use the toilet and go to the Canteen during recess and lunch when extreme weather (hot /wet) conditions prevail.

4. Evaluation

The policy will be evaluated annually.