



Falls Road Primary Independent Public School

Challenge the Present – Create the Future

Weather Policy

Our weather policy is now divided into three categories

1. **Severe wet weather**
2. **Wet weather**
3. **Extreme Hot Weather**

- Wet Weather and Extreme Hot Weather procedures will be announced via the intercom at recess.
- At lunch the decision will be made at the end of the designated eating time
- The Principal or Deputy Principal will make a decision on **Wet Weather** or **Extreme Hot Weather** and announce it to students during the eating time or over the PA prior to the break.
- The decision will generally be made **for the duration of the break** unless there is a significant change in weather (Students to be given the opportunity to run around if possible).

Severe Wet Weather:

- In extreme wet weather (thunder/lightning, storm / heavy rain) the admin will announce via PA that the school is in 'severe wet weather'.
- This means teachers stay with their classes (eat their recess or lunch with their students) and are responsible for the supervision regardless of duty timetable.
- Students are not allowed to leave the classroom.
- This will only occur in 'extreme circumstances' when it is deemed necessary for the emotional well being and safety of our students ('Severe Hot Weather' may also be called if students health and well-being is compromised).

Recess Wet Weather

- If wet weather is called at recess, then students stay in their classes. Teachers to supervise their own class and the class next door to them for half of recess and then swap with the other teacher for the second half of recess (This allows for a short break).

Lunch Wet Weather:

When wet weather is called at lunch time, students go to the Moonlight Hall to watch a DVD / do an activity.

- Students eat lunch in the Undercover Area and the areas outside Room 1, Room 5 and Room 8 until the decision is made at 12.45pm
- All students to stay in the Moonlight Hall until the end of lunch time. Students will only be allowed out to go to the toilet or to get a drink
- Teachers on duty will supervise students in Moonlight Hall

Extreme Hot Weather

When Extreme Hot Weather is called at lunch time, students will go to the Moonlight Hall to be supervised. Normal duty teachers will supervise (The process is the same as for Wet Weather).

How the duty is covered

- If the possibility that wet weather procedures may be needed or has been announced on the PA, staff on 2nd lunch duty, go to the Moonlight Hall to supervise students
- If wet weather / hot weather is called at lunch time, staff on duty will supervise the students in the Moonlight Hall (Principal or Deputy will organise activities in the Moonlight Hall)

NOTE: if an alternative activity has been pre-arranged (Art activity or Music activity at lunch time), students may also go to this area (They must stay there and not move between activities).

Review This policy will be revisited at the beginning of each year to ensure it continues to meet our duty of care requirements, update new classes etc... and to also make new staff members aware of the process.