



GLOSSOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

(i) GENERAL

- Occasionally, WEATHER CONDITIONS may be encountered that require a change to normal yard duty/play routines at RECESS and LUNCH-TIME, to ensure well-being of students and staff.
- This is particularly true when it RAINS, or during times of EXTREME heat, wind, cold etc.

(ii) GUIDELINES

a) RAIN

When it rains at recess/lunch-time (for anything but a brief passing shower.) students and the yard-duty teacher must return to class.

It is the responsibility of the YARD-DUTY TEACHER to let the office know it is raining and request that the rain siren sounds.

When the rain siren sounds, ALL students and all class teachers must return to their class, IMMEDIATELY.

Each class teacher resumes responsibility for the students in their classroom, while the rain continues and should not leave their class, unless they have arranged for someone else to supervise the students.

Students confined to class during recess/lunch-time due to rain, may engage in any 'informal' activities, as determined by their class teacher.

Should the rain stop, students may return to the yard and the normal yard-duty roster will resume.

b) HOT WEATHER

The school library is open to students each day from 12.55 p.m. till 1-20 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. When it is hot, students may choose to go to the air-conditioned library, during this part of the lunch-hour.)

(A staff member is rostered on duty in the library at this time each day.)

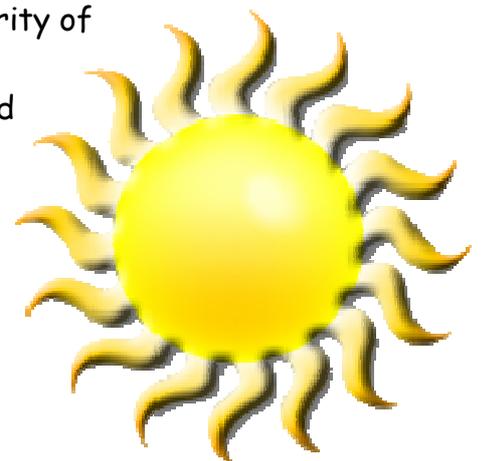
"EXTREME HEAT"

At times of 'extreme' heat it is impractical to have the majority of students 'crammed' into the library,

Also, exposure to 'extreme' heat conditions in the school yard

- particularly during the lunch break - may present a potential health hazard to students and staff.

Therefore, when the temperature is predicted to be 40 degrees c at lunch-time, all activity in the school yard will cease and all students and staff will return/remains in class.



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The Principal in days of extreme heat of 38- 40 degrees will consult with staff and arrange for students to eat in the activity room, have a short break outside and encourage all children to be in the library and assist with supervision.

Supervision of students and activity in class during this time follows the same guidelines as for 'Rain'.

Staff should be alert to this possibility on very hot days and must ensure that supervision arrangements for their class are in place, if they have to leave the school site during this time.

c) FIRST 15 MINUTES OF THE LUNCH-HOUR.

From 12.30 p.m. till 12.45 p.m. each lunch-hour, students are required to sit in/around the pergola area and eat their lunch, under the supervision of the duty teacher.

In times of inclement weather, it may not be possible to sit out doors at the start of lunch.

It is the responsibility of the teacher on first lunch duty to determine whether students need to go indoors to eat their lunch. If this decision to eat indoors is made prior to 12.30 p.m., then the duty teacher should send a message to that effect round to each class.

If they need to go indoors, then students will use the activity room and will sit on the floor in that room to eat their lunch, under the supervision of the duty teacher.

At 12.45 p.m., the duty teacher will then dismiss the students to the yard, so that play can commence, or, in the case of continuing rain, will send a message to the front office for the rain siren to sound.

If the rain siren sounds at 12.45 p.m., all students and class teachers will return to class. (As outlined previously under 'rain' guidelines.)

Bush fire Catastrophic Classification

Catastrophic Code Red Days



Glossop is classified as a risk site on these days. The Principal will receive notification the day before of impending declaration. If the Riverland district is declared A **CATASRTOPHIC** Bushfire risk Glossop PS must close. On this day a note will be sent home notifying parents of this warning, and that depending on the morning weather report; the school will either be open or closed. The warnings will be on

- 891 or 1062 ABC radio
- Television news
- Hotline 1800 000 279
- Website www.bushfirereadyschool.sa.gov.au

Parents will need to check these warnings and if a catastrophic bushfire risk is declared, they will not send their children to school.

On the day of the risk, the Principal will attend the site in the morning to ensure that there are no children and staff on site.

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