

Penong Primary School

Respect Community Achievement



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Inclement Weather Policy

Definition

Means the existence of abnormal climatic conditions, including but not limited to: rain, hail, snow, high winds, severe dust or electrical storm, high humidity, extreme high and low temperature, or any combination thereof. Exposure to UVA & UVB is included in this definition.

Staff Responsibilities

On days that exhibit potential inclement weather, staff are to assess potential risks to all students, staff & visitors onsite and act appropriately depending on the risk assessment.

Should there be inclement weather (rain, heat, high winds, dust, storm etc.) during lesson times:

- Staff/students should keep indoors
- Staff should also remain indoors and reorganise their day to accommodate indoor tasks.
- Visitors and contractors to be advised to work indoors and/or return another day when weather is not a risk factor.

When there is inclement weather during break times:

- Students are kept inside, with appropriate indoor activities and supervision.
- Staff should also remain indoors and reorganise their day to accommodate indoor tasks.
- Visitors and contractors to be advised to work indoors and/or return another day when weather is not a risk factor.
- 2 long siren bells indicate inclement weather. Students outside to return to the classroom.

When there is inclement weather at the end or the start of the day:

- Bus parents and drivers are to be contracted to negotiate the risk factors of the bus running and if appropriate bus students are picked up or dropped off by parents.
- Students are kept inside, with appropriate indoor activities and supervision before morning bell and at the end of the day until picked up by parents or bus leaves.

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Signed Karen Murray
Principal

Signed: Allison Shipard
Chairperson Governing Council

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