



# Sheoak Grove Primary School

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



## Background

If the weather is not conducive to providing a safe playground, the following policy will be implemented.

## Definitions

The following definitions will apply in the context of this policy statement:

**Rain** - If it is raining prior to recess or lunch and it is likely to continue through these times, or if rain is imminent. The BOM weather website or mobile app should be used to determine the suitability of implementing this policy.

**Wind** - If the wind is demonstrating a threat to students and staff safety

**Lightning** - If lightning is observed within the immediate area, or a thunderstorm is imminent, but it is currently not raining.

**Heat** - If it is at or over 36 degrees Celsius immediately before or during the recess or lunch break. The BOM weather website or mobile app should be used to determine the suitability of implementing this aspect of this policy.

## Procedure

If immediately before the recess or lunch break the weather conditions are not conducive to a safe playground:

The Principal or Deputy Principal will advise staff and students that the weather policy is being implemented.

1. Students will each lunch in the following areas:
  - Early Childhood - In classrooms
  - Years 1-3 - Orange or Blue Block Wet Areas
  - Years 4-6 - Green Block Wet Area.
2. At the commencement of the second part of lunch:
  - ECE students will remain in their classes
  - Years 1-2 students will remain in their Block
  - Years 4-6 students will move into the Covered Assembly Area.
3. If the weather eases to safe levels during the break, staff and students will be notified by the Principal or Deputy Principal via the PA system and students can move into normal playground arrangements. In that event, normal staff duty procedures will apply.
4. Teachers may consider taking their class out to play at a safe opportunity at alternative times if the weather allows.