



**Henley
Brook**
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weather Policy

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Rationale

Where possible, Henley Brook Primary School students are encouraged to be outside during break times, enjoying fresh air, physical activity, and social interactions. However, sometimes break times coincide with weather that is too wet, windy, or extremely high temperatures and it is necessary to plan for such events.

Purpose

- To provide staff with clear direction regarding student supervision during break times of extreme weather.
- To ensure that, despite extreme weather supervision, all staff can access food and drink and have access to a break.
- To ensure that all staff contribute to student supervision during extreme weather.

Guidelines

- Extreme weather decisions will be made by Admin and called over the PA before the recess or lunch break.
- 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. If restricted play areas are deemed necessary, these will be advised. Normal staff duty procedures will apply.

Procedures

- If extreme weather is called during a break a PA announcement will be made and the siren will sound earlier to alert students to return to class.
- When extreme weather is called by Admin, students stay inside classrooms.
- The break time is to be supervised by a teacher. In adjoining rooms teachers can share the supervision load, allowing each teacher to take a break for half the time.
- Where classrooms are stand alone, a member of the Admin team or DOTT teacher will provide release either during the break or shortly afterwards.
- This is not learning time; students should be allowed to socialise and/or play quiet indoor games.

Definitions

Rain - If it is raining prior to recess or lunch and it is likely to continue through these times, or if rain is imminent.

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.