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Rosebery PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wet Weather Policy

Rationale

The Department of Education is required to ensure the safety and well-being of its students and staff. This policy outlines the responsibilities and procedures for staff and students in the instance of heavy rain and/or an electric storm, during school hours and on dismissal of students at home time.

Policy Statement

Rosebery Primary School will take all reasonable steps to ensure that students are provided with a safe and comfortable environment during recess and lunch and exit safely from the school grounds at the end of the school day.

Aims

The Principal will need to:

- Notify staff of any alternate arrangements for outside play in the event of heavy rainfall and/or an electric storm at recess and lunch.
- Notify staff and students of any proposed delay in sending students home at the end of the day in the event of heavy rainfall and/or an electric storm.

Teachers will need to:

- Provide proper care and supervision to ensure the safety of students during any 'Wet Weather' procedures.

Implementation

The principal will inform teachers that 'Wet Weather' procedures will take place during recess or lunch, via an announcement over the speaker system, at least five minutes before the break.

Upon decision to implement 'Wet Weather' procedures, normal duty rosters do not apply. All teachers will be required to supervise students; taking turns to provide each other with breaks to the staff room.

Announcements will be made in the School Newsletter, prior to the Wet Season, advising parents to make arrangements with their children about what they are to do if it is raining at home time, eg wait at school until it stops raining, go to a friend or relative, leave bike at school, etc.

Students will not necessarily be dismissed at home time if there is heavy rainfall or an electrical storm. The principal will decide at the time, and students will be dismissed when it is judged safe for them to make their way home. If there is an impending storm, parents may come earlier to collect their children from their classroom.

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Evaluation

Our Wet Weather Policy's effectiveness will be measured through implementation over a period of time.

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