

## Inclement Weather Safety Policy

The range and types of inclement weather situations do not supersede the duty and power of regarding various inclement weather conditions.

1. **SCHOOL CANCELLATION**

On severe weather days, the Principal will make the decision to close the school for the day. Each classroom teacher will notify the parents of their students by phone to inform them of this decision to close the school.

2. **EXTREME COLD: TEMPERATURE WITH OR WITHOUT WINDCHILL**

- a) warmer than  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ : students may remain outside for all regular outside activities
- b) between  $-15^{\circ}$  and  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ : students may remain outside for no longer than 20 minute intervals
- c) colder than  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ : students must remain inside

*\*\*Warnings and advisories issued by Health Department at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .*

3. **EXTREME HEAT: TEMPERATURE WITH OR WITHOUT HUMIDEX**

- a) cooler than  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$ : students may remain outside for all regular outside activities
- b) between  $35^{\circ}$  and  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$ : students may remain outside for no longer than 20 minute intervals
- c) hotter than  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$ : students must remain inside

*\*\*Warnings and advisories issued by Health Department at  $+35^{\circ}$ .*

4. **UV INDEX:** Parents are encouraged to take precautions with their children, i.e. protective clothing, eyewear, sunscreen, etc. when the UV Index is greater than 8.

5. **SMOG ADVISORY/AIR QUALITY:**

Smog Advisory alerts issued by the Ministry of Energy and Environment (Air Quality Index higher than 50) – students remain outside no longer than 20 minute intervals at a time. Consideration should be made for asthmatic students and staff, etc.

6. **THUNDERSTORM WATCH/WARNING/LIGHTNING STRIKES:**

When warnings are issued by Environment Canada, the Principal or designate must take the necessary precaution to protect staff and students. This may mean the cancellation of recess periods and/or delays in dismissals. The variable nature of these local weather conditions requires principals to use their discretion in protecting students and assigning supervisory staff when needed.

7. **TORNADO WARNING:**

All staff and students will be evacuated to the inner hallways away from all exterior windows. Staff will close all windows and doors. Students and staff will remain seated in the hallways, until warning has passed.

8. **PRECIPITATION (rain, snow, freezing rain, etc.)**

At the discretion of each Principal and related to local safety issues.