

EXTREME WEATHER

In cases of extreme weather, measures will be taken to ensure the safety and comfort of children and educators.

Procedure:

-Extreme Hot Weather

- In addition to our Sun smart policy, we will look to implement further measures to keep children and educators safe and comfortable.
- We will look to use the coolest areas within the school grounds.
- Suggested ways to keep play areas cool include using air-conditioning, keeping doors closed, keeping blinds lowered, turning lights off, not implementing physical play, considering the programmed snack (e.g. not using ovens)
- We may need to modify the scheduled programmed activities and encourage reduced level of physical activity.
- We may use water play activities to keep children cool.
- Precautions are taken to ensure children's lunches are kept cool.
- We will more regularly promote children and educators to keep their fluids up and have drinking water readily available.
- We will monitor and advise children about appropriate clothing.
- We will look to implement measures to provide educators with relief.

Extreme Cold Weather

- Measures will be taken to ensure children and educators are kept safe and comfortable during times of extreme cold weather.
- Outside play will be reduced.
- Consideration will be given to the snack provided.
- Areas in the school that provide the most reliable form of temperature control will be used.
- We may need to modify the scheduled programmed activities and encourage increased level of physical activity.
- We will monitor and advise children about appropriate clothing.
- We will look to implement measures to provide educators with relief.

Rain, Lightning and Thunder

- If the Responsible Person makes an assessment that the weather provides a level of risk to children and educators, then measures will be taken to reduce the potential hazards.
- Outside areas may be made unavailable for play.
- Movement between areas may be limited.

Power Outage

- Educators must check with SA Power Networks for predicted length of outage.
- For short term outages children will be kept on site wherever possible providing they can be kept safe and comfortable.
- For outages that are predicted to be of longer duration the Responsible person in charge will consult with the Director about operating arrangements.



- For extended periods of power outages, consideration will be given to families about advising them of the current situation, the strategies we are implementing and predicted length of power outage so they may make an informed decision about their child.

Excursion Cancellation

- At the discretion of the Director due to any of the above extreme weather situations, an excursion may be cancelled with potential for an alternate excursion used as a back up.
- Our Vacation Care program will have a statement explaining this to families with the alternate excursion locations listed and must be signed as a pre-requisite for booking their child in for care.

Policy reviewed	Previous modifications	Next review date
26/10/2021	CHANGE ETSA TO SA POWER NETWORK	2022