

## **Seaholme Primary School Inclement Weather Policy**

### **Rationale:**

- Schools have a duty of care to staff and students at all times. This duty of care includes protection against inclement weather during times when students would normally be outside.

### **Aims:**

- To ensure the wellbeing of students and staff during times of inclement weather by consistently implementing a planned management strategy that will cater for all circumstances.

### **Implementation:**

- As part of the usual yard duty timetable process, an inclement weather timetable will be activated by the Principal or the Yard Duty Teacher when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff.
- Inclement weather is generally defined as extreme heat, rain, lightning, or any other condition that is considered by the Principal or the Yard Duty Teacher to be unsuitable.
- Where inclement weather is obvious prior to children being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, an announcement will be made by the Principal / Assistant Principal advising class teachers to follow the inclement weather time-table until further notice.
- In such cases, teachers will supervise a number of grades as per Inclement weather timetable
- Teachers-will similarly share supervision of the corridor, walkways and other areas (as pre-determined).
- All children will be confined to classrooms unless permission has been granted by a teacher to leave temporarily, e.g. toilet break, canteen
- Children will be expected to walk indoors at all times and undertake appropriate indoor games and activities.
- In the event of children being required to come inside the school buildings, yard duty teachers will supervise the corridor briefly while designated teachers make their way to the classrooms, or other areas, that they are required to supervise.
- Scheduled sport, physical education or other outside activities will need to be rescheduled or alternatively organised during times of inclement weather.

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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