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Weather and Sun Policy

Hackham East Primary School follows the Sunsmart guidelines and policy

Hot Weather

On days of extreme high temperature, 36 degrees or above, the children will remain indoors at lunch time.

Front Office Staff will indicate hot weather supervision after a check of the temperature on the BOM website at 12.30pm.

Hot weather will be indicated by two sirens at the beginning of Recess Play (1.00pm)

Rain

If it begins to rain during recess or lunch time the teacher doing yard duty in Area 2 will advise the front office staff to signal wet weather by two siren sounds. Students will remain inside for the rest of the break unless rain clears with 10 minutes or more of play time remaining.

If students have not been outside from the beginning of the break and the rain stops, the bell will ring for them to go outside and normal yard duty will take place. If it rains again, Area 2 teacher will advise the front office staff to ring the siren and students will return to their classroom where they will remain for the rest of the break if less than 10 minutes or more of play time remains.

The library will remain open. Children can be sent to the library by negotiation with class teacher and Library Staff.

Supervision when Hot/Wet weather policy takes place

Class teachers will supervise their classes. As per the Yard Duty timetable, Specialist Teachers are allocated a Unit to supervise in the case of inside play.

Teachers roster to release each other to have a break.

Sun Protection

Rationale

Skin damage, including skin cancer, is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun.

Much of the damage occurs during childhood and adolescence. The school can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer by encouraging all members of the school community to take effective skin protection measures.

Aims

The Sun Protection Policy aims to promote among students, staff and parents :

- positive attitudes towards skin protection
- lifestyle practices which can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer and the number of related deaths

- personal responsibility for decision making about skin protection
- awareness of the need for environmental and timetabling changes in the school to reduce the level of exposure to U.V. radiation.

Guidelines

Our school will ensure our staff and students use a combination of sun protection strategies everyday from 1 September – 30 April and at any other time when the UV level is 3 or above, or if outside for longer than an hour.

Primary Protection (i.e. less time exposed to U.V. rays).

- All students will wear school dress code approved hats when outside apart from Winter months.
- During Terms 1 and 4, teachers are encouraged to avoid outdoor activities after 11.30 am and Physical Education lessons that are scheduled after lunch will make increased use of the gym, large indoor spaces and undercover shade area.
- Sports Day will be held late term 3 or early term 4. Shade shelters will be provided.
- Children will be encouraged to use available shade areas for outdoor play and school activities.
- Children who do not have their hats with them will play in designated shaded areas
- Staff and parents will be encouraged to act as role models by -
 - wearing protective hats and appropriate clothing for all outdoor activities
 - using SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sun screen for skin protection
 - seeking shade wherever possible.

Dress Code Policy

Children will wear colour-coded, broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hats for all outside activities and break times from 1st September to 30th April, including excursions, sports practice, bonus play and crossing duty, or if outside for longer than one hour. No hat – no outside activities.

Exposed Skin Protection

Sunscreen (30+) broad spectrum is recommended for skin not protected by clothing.

Application is recommended 15 minutes before going outside.

All children are expected to have their own supply.

Our School Will:

- Regularly reinforce this policy through newsletters, Facebook, parent meetings, student and teacher activities.
- Encourage Student Leadership Team to generate ideas to encourage participation.
- Make every effort to schedule outdoor activities before 11.30 am to avoid high U.V. exposure.

When enrolling a child, parents will be:

- informed of the sun protection policy.
- requested to purchase a school hat or provide an appropriate hat for their child's use.
- expected to provide SPF 30+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for their child's use.

REVIEW: This policy is reviewed each year.