



## **Weaverthorpe C.E. Primary School**

### **Adverse Weather Policy**

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## **Introduction**

We are aware of the need to protect the children from the effects of extreme weather:

- excessive heat/sun, e.g. skin damage from ultraviolet radiation, sun stroke and heat exhaustion
- extreme cold, e.g. frost bite
- heavy rain, e.g. the risk of sitting in wet clothes for a long period.

## **Practice**

To achieve this, we will take the following steps:

- Safety in extreme weather will be incorporated into the curriculum.
- When children are outside, we will ensure they are acting responsibly, e.g. sitting in shade in hot weather, not throwing ice balls or creating slippery areas in cold weather.
- Physical education and play activities will take account of weather conditions and staff will monitor the children's condition for signs of adverse effects. Parents should provide appropriate clothing for P.E.
- Encourage parents to ensure their child is suitably clothed and protected, e.g. hats and sunscreen in hot weather, suitable waterproof and warm clothes & footwear for rain and cold. Ill-equipped children will not be allowed outside if it is considered a risk to health.
- Staff will adjust the classroom environment as far as possible, e.g. increase heating or ventilation as appropriate and using outside teaching areas appropriately for the conditions.
- Children will be encouraged to maintain hydration in hot weather.