

Cold Weather Policy

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Purpose:

To ensure the safety of our students during periods of extreme cold. Exposure to the elements and the natural climate of our country is very important, as is the safety of the children in our care. The following guidelines have been established.

Application of this Policy:

Being active during the colder winter season and learning to enjoy outdoor winter activities is an important part of student life at Edge Hill Country School. Our students spend their recess periods, and often other classes, outdoors.

Early Childhood (Kindergartens) Guidelines:

- Temperatures range between -28 to -39 (with the wind chill)
 - Time outdoors will be limited to 15 to 20 minutes at a time
 - A protective barrier cream will be applied to the cheeks
 - Teachers will be paying close attention to any exposed skin to detect any changes
 - Stay closer to sheltered areas to reduce the windchill
- Temperatures -40 or lower (with the wind chill)
 - Students will remain indoors

Grade School (1-8) Guidelines:

- Temperature range between -28 to -39 (with the wind chill)
 - Time that the children spend outdoors will be limited to 15 to 20 minutes.
 - The children will be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or difficulty breathing.
- Temperatures of -40 or lower (with the wind chill)
 - Students will remain indoor

Responsibilities:

Parents are expected to ensure their child arrives at school with the appropriate winter attire, including warm and waterproof snow gear, hat, mittens/gloves, and face protection (scarf, neck warmer, etc.)

Enforcement:

A joint effort in enforcing this policy will be executed by Faculty, Administration and Health and Safety Committee to ensure the safety and well being of our children.