

BELLAVISTA School

Wet Weather Procedures



Authorities:

- Occupational Health and Safety Officer
- Principal or her delegate
- PA to the Principal

Early Mornings:

- Classrooms must be open as soon as teachers arrive at school.
- Children to be inside the classrooms with teacher and Gr7 monitors present until start of the school day.
- If it starts to rain before line up, children to go to class rooms and teachers and monitors to follow and stay there for the remainder of the time.
- If lighting alert before line up, children to go to class rooms and teachers to follow and to stay there for the remainder of the day.
- Gr7 monitors must go back to their own classrooms.

Lighting Alert at Start of Day:

- If lightning alert is on before start of school, parents will be notified per SMS to keep their child until the all clear.

Breaks:

- If it rains at start of break, children to stay in their classrooms.
- They can have their lunch/drinks inside the classroom. Gr7 monitors to look after the children.
- Teachers can go and get something to eat and drink, but must return to the classrooms as quickly as possible.
- If it starts to rain during break, children to go back to class and teachers and monitors to follow and stay there for the remainder of the day.

Lighting Alert at Break:

- If the lightning alert goes off during break, children to go back to class and teachers to follow and to stay there for the remainder of the day.
- Gr7 monitors must also go back to their own classrooms.
- If rain starts ahead of break, children remain in the venue prior to that break to eat.

Sport and Physical Education:

Rainy weather:

- Sport and PE are suspended when it is actively raining. Children stay in the venue that they attended in the 20 minutes prior to the scheduled sport session.
- If the rain clears during the time and it is not too wet, children can go back to their sports.
- If it starts to rain during sport or PE, but not lightning alert, children must return to their classrooms and the teachers must all be present in their classrooms.
- Gr7 children to go to own classrooms.

Lightning Alert during Sport:

- Therapists are expected to assist teachers in these measures.
- If lightning alert is on before start of sport, children and class teachers to remain in their register classrooms until all clear signal.
- If all clear signal has gone before 14h15, children can go to their different sports. If 'all clear signal' hasn't gone by 14h30, children to stay in the classroom until the end of day (15h00).
- If lightning alert goes off during sport, the groups from the field must go to the main building and, under corridor cover, to their register classrooms.
- All class teachers should also go to their register classrooms to be there in case the children are sent back earlier when the all clear signal has gone and there isn't enough time for sport to continue.
- If the all clear signal sounds before 14h15, children can go back to the field until end of sport.
- If 'all clear signal' hasn't gone by 14h30, children to remain in the register classrooms until end of the day.
- From here, they will be released if their parents are here to collect or as per further instruction from the Executive Principal or her designated staff member.

General Home Time

- If lightning alert is on within 30 minutes of dismissal from school, children and teachers to remain in register classrooms until all clear signal or instruction from the Executive Principal or her delegate to follow Gate dismissal under Lightning Alert arrangements (see below) or instruction to follow staggered times (see below).

Gate Dismissal under Lightning Alert

- Gr1-3 leave out of St Andrews at designated home time.
- Gr4 leave out of Venus Street at 14h30
- Gr5 leave out of Venus Street at 14h45
- Gr6-7 leave out of Venus Street at 15h00

Staggered Times

- At the discretion of the Executive Principal or her delegate, parents may be advised of a minimum of one hour stagger to the close of the school time. Updates will be issued to parents every 30 minutes after that.
For example: Lightning alert at 13h20 – parents to return at 14h20/ Lightning alert at 13h45 - - parents to return at 14h45.
- The Africa Weather alert map will be monitored daily from 13h00 to let staff with young children know that they may need to make arrangements.

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