



Pearson Road Elementary

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Cold Weather Guidelines

It is critical that students arrive at school each day prepared for cold weather. Parents should check the local forecast for up-to-date weather information. Students must be dressed appropriately so that they remain safe and comfortable during the following times:

- Outside playtime before and after school
- Lunchtime playtime
- Break (15 minutes in the morning)
- Unexpected emergency situations such as Fire Drills (at all temperatures)
- Bus breakdowns
- Unscheduled and scheduled outside breaks and learning experiences.

We expect that students have boots and snowpants in order to participate in sledding.

We do not have a district policy for cold weather procedures. However, the following guidelines will be in place at Pearson Road to ensure our students are safe.

BELOW FREEZING:

- (-1 Celsius to -15)

Students are expected to go outside. Parents should ensure that their child brings the following items needed to stay warm and comfortable when outside:

- Warm coat
- Gloves/Mittens
- Head/Ear covering
- Boots

- (-15 Celsius to -20 Celsius)

Students will be expected to go outside for 15 instead of 30 minutes of playtime providing the wind is calm. The Environment Canada website (<http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca>) will be used to check weather conditions. The same clothing items as noted above should be worn.

- (-20 Celsius and colder with wind chill)

Students will stay inside during lunch and recess. Supervision will be provided by Admin and regular NHS during lunchtime. At break, scheduled teachers and admin will supervise indoor activities.

Thank you parents for helping to keep our students warm and safe outside during this cold weather snap. Hopefully it is short lived!