



## CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF KAMLOOPS DIOCESE

### EMERGENCIES INCLEMENT WEATHER – 603

#### Rationale

The primary consideration of the inclement weather policy is the health, safety, and welfare of students. Factors, such as the following need to be taken into consideration in formulating appropriate policy:

- the type of weather,
- geographical location,
- intensity of weather conditions,
- adaptability of students to weather conditions,
- community expectations,
- the capability and responsibility of the school community to provide appropriate student clothing attire.

#### Policy

The Catholic Independent Schools, Kamloops Diocese, unless otherwise directed, will remain open during periods of inclement weather.

#### Procedure

1. The principal, in consultation with the school staff, is responsible for establishing a consistent procedure for handling children on days when the weather is inclement.
2. Inclement weather procedures must reflect the responsibility of the principal to ensure reasonable and judicious care for the health, safety and welfare of all students attending the school.
3. In extreme weather conditions, the final decision to send a child to school or to the bus stop rests with the parents even though schools are open.
4. Children allowed to go outdoors during times of inclement weather should be suitably dressed for the occasion. The classroom teacher should exercise prudent assessment of the appropriateness of the type of clothing.
5. Direct supervision shall be provided to ensure no ill effects will result to students due to the length of time permitted to be outdoors.
6. The principal, in consultation with the school staff, is encouraged to explore ways of providing constructive activities for students during inclement weather conditions that confine students to the classroom.

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