

ÉCOLE PETER GREER ELEMENTARY

COLD WEATHER PROCEDURES

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 (11:00 -11:58)
- Recess (1:25-1:40)
- Fire Drills (at all temperatures)
- Bus breakdowns
- Unscheduled and scheduled outside breaks and learning experiences

We do not have a school or district policy for cold weather procedures. However, the following guidelines are in place at PGE:

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
- Waterproof snowpants

-15 to -20 Celsius

Students will be expected to go outside providing the wind is calm and the students will be able to stay dry. 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. If the wind starts to pick up, we will ring the bell early and allow students to come inside to their classroom, gym, or library for the remainder of the outside play time.

TEMPERATURE REACHES -20 Celsius

If the temperature reaches minus 20 Celsius, and the grounds are dry and the wind is calm, students will go outside for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, the bell will ring to allow students to come inside to their classroom, gym, or library for the remainder of the outside play time.

TEMPERATURE REACHES -20 Celsius (with windy conditions)

If the temperature reaches minus 20 Celsius, and it is windy, students will stay inside during lunch and recess.