



EARLY YEARS WET WEATHER POLICY

RATIONALE

At the British School of Tenerife (BST), we aim to maintain a safe and nurturing environment for all students and staff during wet weather. The Wet Weather Policy will be implemented when it is raining or when recent heavy rain has made playground conditions unsafe.

PRINCIPLES

1. The safety and well-being of students and staff are always the top priority.
2. Children are expected to remain out of the rain during break and lunch times.
3. During eating times, children should remain seated and not move around, either inside or outside the classroom.
4. After eating, children should tidy their area and be directed to activities within the classroom.

PROCEDURES

General

1. When the weather is unsuitable for outdoor play, the Headteacher will announce that wet play will take place.
2. Children must not leave classrooms for the playground until an announcement signals the end of wet play.

BEFORE SCHOOL - WET WEATHER

- Yellow canopies should be put out in all outside areas and green canopies pulled down to keep the corridor as dry as possible.
- Toys should be set out on tables in the corridor, ensuring they do not cause obstructions.
- The sports hall door should be left open by maintenance staff, allowing parents and children to wait inside until staff arrive at 8:30am.
- The side gate by the sports hall should be open; parents should bring children to the Early Years gate.
- No child should walk to the Early Years department unattended to prevent accidents.

OUTSIDE - WET WEATHER

- If the corridor is dry and safe, children may play there with the toys provided. This allows them to stand, walk, stretch, and get some fresh air.
- Two staff members on duty should supervise the corridor at all times.
- Children must not leave the corridor to access the soft play area.
- If the corridor is unsafe, children should remain in the classroom, where toys are available for play.

- If it begins to rain while children are outside, all available staff must assist in tidying equipment and moving children inside safely.

AFTER SCHOOL - WET WEATHER

- The sports hall door should be opened early at 2:40pm to allow parents to wait inside until the Early Years gate opens at 2:45pm. Parents will collect children from the classrooms.
- Staff should ensure that children leaving by bus are wearing raincoats. Additional staff will escort children to the bus with umbrellas to prevent them from getting wet.

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