

Westmount Elementary School  
**Winter Weather Policy**

In very cold conditions:

- Doors will be opened early and students will be asked to come inside when they arrive at school.
- Students will be allowed to stay inside at recess and lunch.
- For any student who wishes to go outside for a brief period of play, he/she must be appropriately dressed for winter conditions.
- Students are expected to come to school dressed for winter weather and to have indoor shoes.

In milder winter conditions:

- Doors will be opened at 8:20.
- Students will be offered some activities indoors and these will be announced each day in the morning and posted on the bulletin board by the office.
- Students who go outside at recess and lunch are expected to dress appropriately for the weather conditions.
- Sliding privileges may be restricted if appropriate clothing is not worn, especially for our younger students.
- Students are expected to have an indoor pair of shoes so that they can have warm dry feet in the classroom.

Notes:

- In between very cold and mild, there are intermediate conditions. These conditions vary with the humidity, wind velocity, wind chill, precipitation, cloud cover, and so on. We also take into account the age of the students (from 4 to 13). It is the principal's role to make these types of decisions on a daily basis, and in the principal's absence, the teacher in charge.
- It is the family's responsibility to ensure that students come to school dressed for winter weather.

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