

**GOLDEN HORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
COLD WEATHER POLICY**

As students benefit from fresh air, exercise, and daily routine it is important that they have daily outdoor activity at school. The temperature, appropriate outdoor clothing, and the length of time spent outdoors are the three underlying considerations of our cold weather policy. As in other Yukon elementary schools, Golden Horn Elementary School students will be expected to go outside based on the judgment of administration and staff as per the protocols found below.

Length of morning recess: 15 minutes (10:25 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.)

Length of lunch recess: 25 minutes (12:00 – 12:25 p.m.)

PROTOCOLS

In the event of cold weather:

- The temperature/wind factors at Golden Horn Elementary School are checked before the buses arrive, before morning recess, before lunch recess, and before students go out for classroom based outdoor activities.
- The school administration and staff will make the decisions based upon prevailing weather conditions as that time.
- Students are supervised when they are getting dressed to go outside for recess, classroom based outdoor activities, field trips, and after school bus to ensure they are appropriately dressed for the conditions. If students are not dressed appropriately a reminder may be sent home.
- Cold weather options may include a restricted time for outdoor recess or recess held indoors.
- Students may request permission from the teachers on duty to warm up in the boot room.
- Parents may request that their child remain indoors. The child will be supervised in the office.