

Wind Chill Benchmarks:

Environment Canada

- 27 Risk of frostbite in prolonged exposures
- 35 Frostbite possible in 10-15 minutes
- 40 Wind chill warning will be issued. Frostbite possible in less than 10 minutes
- 45 Be ready to cut short or cancel outdoor activities. Frostbite possible in minutes
- 60 DANGER! Frostbite possible in **under** 2 minutes

Indoor/Outdoor Recess

Students will be going outdoors for recess unless the wind chill is -27 or higher. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Hats, mitts, scarves and boots are necessary at this time of year as your child goes outside for both morning and afternoon recesses as well as lunch. Kindergarten students do not have outdoor recess during the winter. The school uses the temperature posted on the Environment Canada website. (Winnipeg Forks location) Visit the website [here](#).

Bussing

During the winter months, transportation services may be cancelled due to inclement weather and/or adverse weather conditions. When Environment Canada (The Forks location) wind chill is -45 or colder as of 6:00 a.m., school buses will not operate that day. You can check the Seven Oaks School Division website at www.7oaks.org for bus cancellations and/or school closures or listen to any of the following radio stations:

CBC – 990 AM, 89.3 FM	CKSB (French)	City TV
CFWM (BOB) 99.9	CKXL Envol 91 (French)	CTV News
FAB 94.3 FM	Clear FM 102.3	Global News
QX 104 FM	TSN Radio 1290	CJOB 680 AM
CITI 92 FM	CJKR Power 97	CKMM Virgin Radio 103

If buses are not running, Lighthouse programs and Heritage Language classes are cancelled.

Patrols

Patrols are on duty from 8:30-8:50 a.m. during the winter months. However, when weather is dangerously cold, we will be shortening the times patrols are at their corners to 8:40-8:50 a.m. Please do not send your child to school before 8:40 a.m.; if he/she is walking to school. If it is extremely cold, we may cancel patrols. Please call the school for updated information about patrols if the weather is extreme (wind chill at -35 or greater). **Please note:** When Seven Oaks Division buses are not operating because of treacherous road conditions, we are very concerned about our street patrols. As you know the roads become very icy and cars are unable to stop at some of the stop signs. Patrols will be at a very limited number of posts, and an adult will supervise them. Please call the school prior to sending your children to school for specific information about patrols.

We strongly encourage parents/guardians to walk their children to and from school when the road conditions are very poor or it is extremely cold.