



Heatwave Policy

This policy outlines the process for dealing with heatwaves in Pippins and Bramleys – keeping both Educators, Visitors and children safe at these times.

As a setting we are signed up for email alerts – these alongside daily weather reports will be reviewed and analysed and will inform all procedures that we put in place.

Short Term Procedure

- All procedures will be shared with educators and parents, so they understand how as a setting we are going to be dealing with the temperature rise
- Curtailing any activities that are likely to produce more heat/ increase temperature such as using computers or physical exertion.
- Drinking water is always on the table for children to access – parents are also asked to provide a water bottle which can be transported to wherever the children are.
- Make sure access to toilets is available so that
- Relocate to cooler parts of the setting – this could include the shade of the woodlands if ratios permit
- Dress code for educators to be altered so that cooler clothes can be worn – expectation is that no revealing or offensive clothes will be worn
- Ensure that sunblock is applied as appropriate – communal suncream available for educators and children too. Parents as always will be expected to apply suncream at the beginning of the day.
- Ensure windows are open to improve ventilation during the cooler parts of the day

Long Term Procedure

- Develop shady areas in the garden that can be used in these circumstance – we already have a canopy area and the shade of the woodland that can be utilised.
- Ensuring we have adequate fans in building to help with temperature regulation when needed
- Assessing the need to potentially change the opening hours for the benefit of educators and children.
- Consider educators who may be more affected by the heatwave i.e. Pregnant woman, or people who medical conditions and plan in advance what is best for them – i.e. can that complete some tasks at home, can they reduce hours etc.

It is important for Parents and educators to understand that if The MET officer issue a Red warning then a risk assessment will be undertaken and if it is deemed to unsafe to open then we may close because of the heatwave.

Following an amber warning certain adjustments may be put in place for the safety of the children and educators; these will be communicated to parents/careers at the earliest convenience.

We appreciate that a closure or adjustment may cause some inconvenience to you but will believe they will be what is best for our setting.

This policy was adopted on:.....

Signed on behalf of the setting.....

Date of next review:.....