

## HOLLY LODGE HOT WEATHER PLAN

During the summer months, there is the potential for heatwaves. The safety and comfort of children and staff is a priority. The Hot Weather Plan will be implemented if we are advised that there is a Heat Health warning.



Advice is taken from The UK Health Security Agency's published guidance for the safety of children and staff.

[Looking after children and those in early years settings during heatwaves: for teachers and professionals provides information on the risks from heat and actions to protect children suffering from heat illness.](#)

### Actions:

- Parents to ensure children bring to school a refillable water bottle and sun hat and apply suncream before children come to school
- Brief staff on health risks from heat and dehydration – looking out for signs and response
- Children should not take part in vigorous physical activity when temperatures are in excess of 30°C
- Children should be encouraged to remain in the shade from 11am-3pm
- Restrict time in the sun to 20mins
- Additional breaks where required
- Children to have access to water throughout the day and are encouraged to drink
- Children to be monitored and encouraged to drink
- Separate risk assessment to be carried out for school trips where temperature is likely to be high. Lead teacher to make judgement and cut visit short if it is felt necessary
- Open windows as early as possible in the morning to allow stored heat to escape from the building.
- Almost close windows when the outdoor air becomes warmer than the air indoors – this should help keep the heat out while allowing adequate ventilation
- Close indoor blinds or curtains, but do not let them block window ventilation
- Keep the use of electric lighting to a minimum
- Switch off all electrical equipment, including computers, monitors and printers when not in use – equipment should not be left in 'standby mode' as this generates heat
- Adjust the layout of teaching spaces to avoid direct sunlight on children
- Oscillating mechanical fans may be used to increase air movement if temperatures are below 35°C – at temperatures above 35°C fans may not prevent heat-related illness and may worsen dehydration
- Follow advice from the UK Health Security Agency
- The school will respond to any further directives from the DFE or Surrey County Council and review the hot weather plan as required

