

OUTDOOR PLAY

RATIONALE

To ensure children can enjoy time playing and learning outside in a safe environment. To prevent unnecessary harm or illness from hot weather.

PURPOSE

To outline a reliable and up to date system to make staff aware how to ensure safe outdoor play.

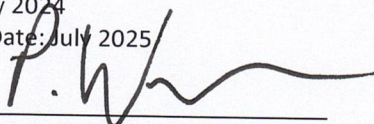
GUIDELINES

- Children can only play outdoors when it is assessed as safe by one of the school nurses. The nurses use the “Child Care Weather Watch” tool, as well as a mean average from reliable sources. During hotter months, an email will be communicated each day on whether outdoor play can go ahead. Temperature between 38 - 40 degrees or with humidity being high.
- When it is too hot for children to play outside, other arrangements will be communicated by the PLT and year group leaders.
- During cooler months, it is fair to assume outdoor play can go ahead unless communicated by the nurses.
- This will also apply to P.E. lessons and outdoor club activities.
- Lower thresholds are considered for asthmatic children when considering humidity, dust and other unsafe weather conditions.
- Other arrangements should be made for these children so they are safely supervised.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to apply and SPF of 25+ as per School Sun Safe policy each morning.
- The school also practices a ‘no hat, no play’ policy for all play times also as per the Sun Safe Policy.
- Swimming - During hotter months, if children are unable to swim due medical reasons or forgotten kits etc, they are not permitted to sit outside to observe. It is the responsibility of the teacher to ensure there is somewhere safe and cool for children to assemble.

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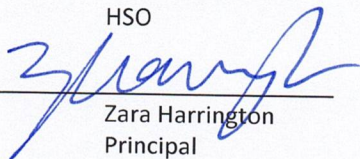
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