

Pimpala Kindergarten

Hot Weather Procedure



The following procedure is set out to ensure the health and safety of staff and children at our centre in extreme temperatures and extreme weather conditions.

Our centre is well air-conditioned and remains at a comfortable temperature on hot days. Once the outside temperature reaches 35°C the director will make the decision to keep children inside during opening hours and children will be offered an alternate Kindy program. This also applies during other extreme weather conditions ie hail, high winds, thunder and lightning etc.

In extenuating circumstances when the temperature inside becomes uncomfortable (ie due to an air conditioner malfunction or extended power outages) parents will be called to collect their child/ren. Should a parent/or nominee be unable to collect a child, staff will try to make every endeavour to kept the child as cool as possible within the centre until they are collected.

Where deemed appropriate (determined by a risk assessment), excursions or outings will be cancelled when the forecast is over 30 and if possible rescheduled to a cooler day.

On warm days children are encouraged to drink more frequently and cooled water will be provided in the event that the tap water is warm. On warmer days we encourage children to play in the shade and all planned physical activity is done in the morning.

For accurate record keeping, parents are asked to notify the centre if they choose to keep their children home due to the weather.

When purchasing equipment, due consideration must be given to the construction materials and location of the item in regard to heat and the risk of burns.

At Pimpala Kindergarten we have a Sunsmart policy which compliments this procedure.

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