

Hot Weather Policy

Whyalla is known for its extreme heat in the warmer months and precautions need to be taken to ensure children's health and safety are at hand.

“Children sweat less and get less evaporative cooling than adults. In warm and hot weather they have greater difficulty getting rid of heat; they look flushed and feel hotter and more stressed than adults.”

Source: Sports Medicine Australia.

At Win Newby Kindergarten we have a climate controlled refrigerated air conditioning system that is used in days of extreme heat. Staff adjusts the cooling according to the temperature and heat from the outside environment. Because of this air-conditioning we do not have an early dismissal time, as the indoor temperature is sufficient.

Staff use their discretion when it's outdoor play, especially in days of extreme heat. Children will play in the shaded areas only when the UV rating is Very High (level 8, 9, and 10). When the UV rating is extreme (11+) children play indoors only. No outdoor play will occur. Please refer to our Skin Protection Policy for more information.

Staff will use the weather forecast given by the Bureau of Meteorology mobile phone app on the day of which the weather has been forecast. In the event of loss of power and or breakdown of air-conditioning system parents will be notified and staff will follow the DECD Guidelines for school terms, vacations, closures and celebrations.