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PORT AUGUSTA WEST CHILDHOOD SERVICES CENTRE HOT WEATHER POLICY

Reasonable steps are taken to identify and manage risks, and every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and hazards.

Our aim with this policy is:

- The site will provide a comfortable and safe environment for children
- Air-conditioning and fans are provided to maintain a comfortable temperature for children
- Hats are to be worn all year round

The requirements of this policy are that:

- Activities conducted in periods of hot weather are to be undertaken in shaded areas
- Drinking water is to be accessible to children at all times
- Parents are encouraged to dress children in clothing that minimises heat gain, in layers that can be easily removed during activity and of a type that is sun safe (shoulders need to be covered)
- Food and drink will be stored at suitable temperatures
- The site has a Sun Safe Policy

The Kindergarten will ensure that:

- Activities are conducted in the shade. During periods of heat, the daily timetable is altered and children are outside prior to the heat of the day (11-3pm) as recommended by the Cancer Council SA
- Children have water available at all times and are made aware of the location of cups and dispenser
- Lunches are kept in the refrigerator.
- Children are indoors in an air-conditioned building. On days of extreme heat, parents are given the option to keep children home or bring them and pick them up early.

The parent / caregiver role:

- Ensure children wear appropriate clothing (shoes or sandals—no thongs or slip-on shoes)
- Send your child with their food packed appropriately
- Talk to children about playing in the shade during hot weather
- Talk to your child about the need for frequent drinks
- Be a good role model by implementing hot weather practises at home

Governing Council Chairperson

Preschool Director

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