



Botley C of E Primary School Extreme Hot Weather Plan

This plan will be enacted at the discretion of the school's Senior Leadership Team, usually in periods where a red weather warning has been issued for extreme heat.

This plan outlines the school's arrangements for protecting pupils, staff and visitors during periods of extreme hot weather.

The aims are to:

- Reduce the risk of heat-related illness.
- Maintain a safe learning environment.
- Ensure appropriate communication with parents and carers.
- Meet health and safety responsibilities.

Hydration

- All parents will be reminded to send children in with water bottles.
- Fresh water is available in all classrooms.
- Children will be encouraged to drink regularly with drinking breaks led by staff.

Classroom Management

- Blinds will be closed where possible.
- Fans will be used safely where available.
- Windows and doors will be kept open.

Outdoor Activities

- PE will be cancelled or shortened and if undertaken appropriate adaptations will be planned with time spent in the shade.
- Breaktimes in the morning will continue before the sun is at its hottest. Children will be discouraged from undertaking vigorous activity however and equipment will not be brought out to play with.
- At lunch, playtime outside will be limited and again there will be no equipment and children will be discouraged from undertaking vigorous activity. The area of shade will be utilised extensively.
- We will ensure pupils do not remain in direct sunlight for extended periods.

Uniform

- Hats to be brought into school and worn outdoors.
- Removal of jumpers/cardigans/hoodies.
- The uniform policy will be temporarily relaxed somewhat - children can choose light weight loose shorts if they so wish rather than the usual grey trousers or shorts. Please note tight Nike Pro type shorts would not be appropriate for school. Ties are not to be worn.
- Sensible footwear needs to be maintained - for health and safety reasons flip flops and crocs are not permitted to be worn to school.
- Please note that if you child comes to school in clothing deemed to not be appropriate by the Headteacher you will be contacted to bring in a change of clothing for your child.
- Staff can wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions but must be smart and presentable.

Sun Protection

- Wear hats outdoors.
- Stay in shaded areas whenever possible.
- Use sunscreen supplied from home. Older children can bring in their own and apply themselves if you deem that appropriate as a parent.
- Avoid prolonged direct sunlight.

We will talk to the children about sensible choices and behaviour during hot weather that fit with the conditions. Please also ensure you speak with your children and provide them with what they need to stay safe at school:

- Hat
- Water bottle
- Appropriate clothing (no jumper)
- Sun cream



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