

HEATWAVE PLAN

Introduction

This plan has been created with the following aims:

- to provide a safe environment for all users of the school

General

Cooler areas of the school building and grounds are to be used when available. As an example, some teachers may gather children in a shaded lawn area or move to rooms with better cross-ventilation.

Pupils will be encouraged to bring containers of water to school during hot weather. Water will be accessible to children during the whole day. Water fountains are available to refill containers.

Pupils are asked to dress in lightweight clothing that is in keeping with the school dress code. They are also asked to bring a hat. Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen to their child(ren) before school as school staff are not permitted to apply.

Text Messages and Newsletters will be used to remind parents.

Timetable changes

Teachers may decide to re-arrange the daily schedule. PE activities are to be limited to less strenuous activities.

Lunch-times

Pupils will be encouraged to sit in shaded areas to eat packed or picnic lunches. A classroom will also be made available for those children who prefer to eat inside.

Environment

Turn off non-essential lights and electrical equipment – they generate heat.

Extracurricular Activities

After school clubs may be cancelled due to hot weather.

Monitoring the Heatwave

Guidance will be taken from the Health Agencies.

Recovering from the Heatwave

Following completion of heatwave conditions, the premises/routine will be reverted to normal. Other actions to be undertaken include:

- Evaluating current Heatwave Plan to make improvements as identified