

Once Upon A Time Daycare Risk Assessment



Area/Room/Resource:		Hot Weather within classrooms, temperature rising					
The Law/Guidance to support		The Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 requires employers to ensure the health, safety and welfare of their staff and others present in the workplace (eg pupils), thereby providing a need to seek to protect against excessive working temperatures. The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 require employers to ensure that temperatures in workplaces should be 'reasonable' although it does not specify a maximum reasonable temperature. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hot-weather-and-health-supporting-vulnerable-people/looking-after-children-and-those-in-early-years-settings-during-heatwaves-for-teachers-and-professionals					
Area/Resource	Who is at risk?	What is the risk?	What is already in place?	What further actions are necessary?	Action completed by who?	Risk assessment completed on	Review date
Temperature rising in the classrooms due to warm temperatures outdoors	Children, staff, visitors	-Heat exhaustion -Heat stress -Dehydration	Everyone is encouraged to drink water throughout the day.		Samijo Street Nursery Manager	15/07/22	25/6/24
			Windows open and fans off if no air con units are available.				
			Water play and paddling pools etc available				
			Cool, calm indoor activities provided indoors to decrease the temperature rising through body heat.				

			Reducing physical activity.				
			Utilise other spaces within the nursery which are at a lower temperature.	Split the classroom into smaller groups to reduce heat.			
			Cooler meals and snacks, menu is adapted to suit the needs of the children, staff and chef.				
			Temperatures monitored throughout the day. If the room reaches 28 degrees or above this is deemed uncomfortable and unsafe for the children to play and for staff to work in.	Consider closing nursery when temperatures exceed 30°C When children are going to sleep if the temperature exceeds 20°C remove items of clothing to ensure they do not over heat.			
Temperatures above 35°C		Fans may not prevent heat-related illness and may worsen dehydration.	Air con units and fans provided to help keep the room cool.				