

Poppets Pre-School
Heatwave and extreme heat policy

At Poppets we are committed to keeping the children safe at all times when they are in our care. During heatwaves or periods of extreme heat we will adhere to the following procedure:

- As soon as a member of staff arrives onsite they will open the front and back doors and window to ventilate the setting. The fans will also be turned on.
- Before the children arrive the front entrance will be blocked off to stop children exiting but to ensure the room is ventilated. The pedestrian gate will be locked and outdoor smaller gates will be in place.
- The lights in the main room will be turned off.
- Staff will ensure children have constant access to their water bottles and/or cups of water and will remind the children to have drinks regularly throughout the session.
- Children will play in the shade in the garden and direct sunlight will be avoided, especially between 11-2pm.
- Parents will put sunscreen/sunblock (minimum factor 30) on their children before they attend and will provide us with named sunscreen/sunblock to put on children before they go outside.
- Parents will dress their children in light coloured, cool, loose fitting clothing and a sunhat.
- We will provide numerous water play activities throughout the day and will spritz the children with water sprays.
- Staff will monitor the temperature on the settings thermostat and ensure the setting is kept at a comfortable temperature.
- Staff will monitor extreme heat forecasts and Met Office warnings and will take any actions required to keep the children and staff members safe, including reducing hours or closing if the setting is deemed necessary.

This policy was adopted on: (date)

Signed on behalf of the pre-school:(owner)

Date for review: August 2027 (annually)