Rationale
The Centre recognises that children are at greater risk of suffering heat illness than adults. A child’s ability to respond to environmental heat and acclimatise to heat is due to physiological differences.

Centre Provisions
The centre will provide:

- Shaded areas for outside activities as per Skin Protection Policy
- Cool clean chilled filtered water available at all times – and we encourage children to drink frequently
- Split system air conditioning – set at comfortable temperature
- Encourage children to be appropriately dressed for the conditions – as outlined in the Skin Protection Policy
- Encourage parents to pack lunch in insulated containers or with a freezer brick to maintain freshness and adequate food temperatures. Lunchboxes kept in air conditioned kitchen area.

Equipment
- All equipment will be placed in shaded areas and staff will monitor surface temperatures to ensure a comfortable temperature for children’s use.
- Staff will surface touch softfall in numerous locations by holding a hand in place for a slow count of 5 and if uncomfortable children will not be allowed to use this area barefooted and all children will be required to put shoes on. In extreme weather conditions children will be required to stay indoors.

Contingency Plans for Blackouts or Airconditioner Failure
When temperatures reach in excess of 36 degrees parents will be advised to collect their children earlier. Children who require bus transport or who cannot be collected will be supervised and kept as comfortable as possible.

Endorsed by Governing Council 7th May 2012
Signed: ____________________________ Signed: ____________________________
Governning Council Chairperson Preschool Director

Review Dates:

May 2013 Governing Council Chairperson: ____________________________ Date: 5/2013 Director: ____________________________
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May 2015 Governing Council Chairperson: ____________________________ Date: 5/2015 Director: ____________________________
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