



# West Leigh Junior School

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Dear Parents / Carers

## Water bottles

We have had a number of emails and enquiries about our arrangements for allowing the children to drink water, especially in this hot weather.

We are very conscious of the high temperatures, just as you are. I hope you realise now that our overriding passion is the care, safety and education of your children. That is why we work in a school.

Having said that, here again are our arrangements for drinking water, whatever the weather, to clarify the position.

We ask that you provide a water bottle (not AirUp or Prime) full of water, each morning. These are kept on the classroom sink areas so they don't get dirty or become a trip hazard on the floor and they are less of a distraction during lessons.

Break time is just over an hour and a half into the morning when the children are free to drink from water bottles or drinking fountains on the playground.

Another hour of lessons and then it is lunchtime. Water is provided in the dining hall for children having school dinners and those having a packed lunch often have a drink with it, which you provide – nothing fizzy please. Throughout lunchtime the fountains are available.

During the two hour afternoon if a child feels excessively thirsty they may take a drink from their bottle. Most teachers will train the children to be aware of doing so without disturbing the lesson. If the lesson is PE outside, the fountains are accessible.

At the end of the day we expect the children to take their bottles home so they can be washed and refilled.

I hope the above is clear enough to stop you from worrying about your child's hydration and to trust that we are aware of temperature changes as they, of course, affect us too.

Yours sincerely

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