



15th July 2022

Dear Parents,

Following the red warning from the Met Office of severe heat on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July, and the advice from the local authority, we will be taking the following measures to keep staff and pupils safe:

- The classrooms will have fans and some will have portable air conditioning units;
- Blinds will be kept down to block heat from the sun;
- Windows will be kept open unless the air is cooler inside the building;
- There will be regular time-tabled water breaks where children will be asked to drink;
- Additional water supplies will be available in each classroom;
- Morning breaks will be taken on rotation when there is shade in the playground (only if it is cooler than the classroom);
- The children will stay in the school building during lunchtime;
- No physical activities will take place;
- The hall may be used as a classroom as it is relatively cool;
- All staff have been reminded of the signs of heat stress, heat exhaustion and heat stroke in children.

Please could you ensure the following:

- Your child comes into school with a hat and a large, filled water bottle;
- You have applied sun cream to your child before they come to school;
- Your child is wearing their active uniform (no jogging bottoms) or sundress;
- Your child is wearing sensible shoes (closed toe).

The current guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) states that schools should remain open, therefore if you choose to keep your child at home, this will be an unauthorised absence. However, if you do intend to keep your child at home, please email the office. Please only ring the office if you have a really important reason; we want to keep the phone lines as free as possible.

If we receive any further advice from either the DfE or the Local Authority, we will inform you immediately.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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