

Dear Parents & Carers,

Many of you will know that a **red weather warning** has been issued for **Monday and Tuesday** next week. Senior leaders have discussed this, looked carefully at the health & safety advice and put in place a **safety plan** as follows:

- All children will remain **indoors during the hottest part of the day, including lunchtime**. They will have an indoor picnic and indoor play activities over lunch.
- Classrooms will be kept **shaded and well ventilated** including with additional cool air fans.
- Every child will be reminded to **drink plenty of water** throughout the day- we will take special care with **supervising the youngest children** and those we know are not good drinkers. We have **cold water coolers** in every area of school and children will be helped to refill water bottles.
- Children may come to school on Monday and Tuesday (and the remainder of the week if needed) in either **summer uniform or school summer PE kit** to keep cool.
- Children may go outside with their teachers and adults to **rest, read or work** in the **shade** at various times so that they do get some fresh air.
- **No energetic activities** or vigorous PE will take place on these days.
- At home time and in the morning we will endeavour to get every child matched to their parent as quickly and safely as possible to **avoid people needing to wait** in the heat.
- Staff have been briefed on the signs and symptoms of **dehydration and heatstroke** and will be keeping a careful eye on every child.
- **Children under 4** or those who are overweight or have some **health conditions** are particularly vulnerable and we will take particular care for these children.

We take the **welfare and safety of every child and staff member very seriously**.

Please help us by avoiding your child getting **overheated or sunburnt** over the weekend or in the evenings, **applying sunscreen (Factor 15+) before school**, sending your child in with a **sunhat or cap with a wide brim or neck guard, cool loose, ideally light coloured clothing** and a **water bottle**.

Please avoid driving or waiting in hot cars for long periods before or after school. Children are unlikely to need a school jumper on these days.

Any parent or carer who is interested in reading the govt. advice on managing heat with young children or family members can follow this link [Beat the heat: staying safe in hot weather - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/beat-the-heat-staying-safe-in-hot-weather) ([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk))