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Friday 15th July

Dear parents / carers,

Re: Extreme weather Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July

As you are no doubt aware there is a severe red weather warning in place for Monday and Tuesday of next week with temperatures predicted to reach close to 40 degrees.

We will be taking several measures, outlined below, to keep the children and staff safe and as comfortable as possible.

As recommended in the recently published Public Health Guidance, children should not wear uniform to school but rather a loose fitting, light tee shirt. **Shoulders and stomachs must be covered and in no circumstances should jumpers / coats be worn.** If you think your child will be unable to abide by these conditions you should consider if it is safe for them to come into school. It is essential that your child brings a named sunhat with a wide brim and sun cream into school on these days.

Our school is made up of small classrooms and with COVID cases rising again, the guidance regarding ventilation is contrary to that for extreme heat. Whilst open windows are recommended to reduce risk of infection it is advised to keep them closed if the temperature outside is higher than that inside. This may well be the case on Monday and Tuesday. To mitigate this we are moving Cone and Cube classes from their usual classrooms as they are sun-facing to alternative parts of the school for these two days.

As per the guidance, there will be no PE lessons or physical activities taking place on these days and we will ensure that the children are well hydrated throughout the day. If your child has a favoured drink that you know they will have during the day please let them bring it in. We will be utilising our wildlife area as much as possible as it is a large, secure shaded area.

The measures outlined above are for Monday and Tuesday only and we will return to our usual school working practices for Wednesday and Thursday, our last two days of the term.

Kind regards,

Lisa Hall (Head Teacher)