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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, the Met Office has issued an amber warning for extreme heat across large parts of England between Sunday and next Tuesday, with temperatures potentially soaring past 35C in our area.



In line with Government guidance, which we received yesterday afternoon, we are taking the following steps to ensure that the comfort and safety of our staff and children can be met. This is also in line with our Academy Trust.

Please note: The Government is advising that schools do not shut.

- ✓ On Monday and Tuesday, children can come to school wearing P.E shorts and white T-shirt if they do not have school shorts.
- ✓ Please ensure children have sun cream applied and hats.
- ✓ Year 5 swimming may be cancelled we will work with the pool to assess this on the day.
- ✓ We will monitor and modify PE lessons and outdoor lessons as necessary.
- ✓ We have reduced the KS2 sports day to one hour and will monitor this.
- ✓ We have moved Tuesday's Year 6 Play to Wednesday morning.
- Children will be encouraged to drink regularly and refill their water bottles.
- ✓ We will ensure children get fresh air on these days at break and lunch; however, we will limit the amount of activity and make use of shaded areas. Indoor activities will be provided.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr A Riby Safeguarding Governor: Mr M Elliot.

Deputy DSL: Miss S Gordon, Mr L Oldroyd, Miss A Chapman.

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm, please contact one of the above or **Social Care Direct on 0345 8503503**Copies of the Safeguarding Policy can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website.



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- ✓ We will keep the use of electric light to a minimum and switch off electric equipment, such as computers, and the interactive whiteboards, when not in use.
- ✓ We will ensure that the windows are opened as early as possible in the morning, before the children arrive, to allow stored heat to escape the building. As the day progresses, the guidance then suggests that the windows are almost closed when the outdoor air becomes warmer than the air indoors – this should help keep the heat out while allowing adequate ventilation.

As ever, we will regularly review these steps and precautions to ensure everyone is made to feel as comfortable as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A Riby

Head of School