



Head Teacher: Mr John Kulyk

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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Many of you will have questions about how we plan to keep your child/ren comfortable and safe during the coming week of extreme heat weather warnings. We sought guidance from the Local Authority earlier this week, and have since put all suggested measures in place to ensure we can continue to deliver education to children while keeping everyone safe.

Measures implemented are as follows:

- HSE guidance is followed where reasonably practicable
- Risks regarding thermal comfort have been identified
- Weather reports are checked regularly
- Thermometers are available in all classrooms to monitor temperature
- Staff are encouraged to report any temperature concerns
- Windows are open and blinds closed to create shade as needed
- Extra fans have been purchased and distributed
- Canopies have been fitted to create extra shade in playgrounds
- Lessons requiring physical activity, e.g. PE lessons, can be re-timetabled or altered
- Younger pupils are encouraged to play indoors during the hottest times of the day to protect from hot floor surfaces.
- Time outside is also limited for older pupils during the hottest part of the day, with breaks being taken earlier where possible.
- Air conditioning units have been serviced and are in use
- Uniform requirement has been relaxed to allow for cooler mufti clothes to be worn
- Extra breaks are encouraged between activities to cool down and rehydrate
- Drinking water is available all day

If you have any concerns about the heat on dedicated school transport, please contact your transport provider.

You can help us to keep your child safe by:

- sending your child in light coloured, cool clothing appropriate for school activities
- providing a hat and sun cream, labelled with your child's name
- providing a drinks bottle if your child does not already have one, labelled with your child's name

In addition, we have received communication today from the Department for Education as follows:

**Predicted Extreme Heat Weather Warnings**

The Met Office has extended an [amber extreme heat warning](#) for Sunday 17 July, Monday 18 July and Tuesday 19 July, as temperatures will build this weekend and early next week for much of England and Wales.

The amber warning highlights likely adverse health effects for the public, not just limited to those most vulnerable to extreme heat.

Temperatures could be in excess of 35°C in the southeast, and more widely around 32°C within the [warning area](#), with Monday and Tuesday most likely to see temperatures around this level.

There is clear government guidance on [looking after children and those in early years settings during heatwaves](#), including the use of ventilation, keeping children hydrated, and avoiding vigorous physical activity, encouraging children to wear loose, light coloured clothing and sunhats with wide brims, to use sunscreen, and providing them with plenty of water. Individual school leaders are responsible for managing their own local circumstances. We are not advising schools to close.

Please be assured we will continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated in the unlikely event we should need to make any changes to the education provision.

Kind regards,



Mr J Kulyk  
Head Teacher