

Friday 7 July 2022

Dear Parents

RE. Red Extreme Heat Warnings

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

- Windows to classrooms will be open as early as possible in the morning before the children arrive to allow stored heat to escape from the building.
- Windows will be kept open unless the air is cooler inside the building.
- Blinds will be kept down to block heat from the sun.
- Use of electrical lighting will be kept to a minimum.
- All electrical equipment will be switched off and not left in 'standby' mode as this generates heat. Children should not bring their chromebooks to school.
- Children will be encouraged to drink plenty of water throughout the day. There will be regular time-tabled water breaks where children will be asked to drink.
- Children will not take part in vigorous physical activity.
- Children will only play in the shade when outside.
- The round hall, which is air conditioned, will be used on rotation for children in the afternoon.
- All staff have been reminded of the signs of heat stress, heat exhaustion and heat stroke in children.

Please can you ensure the following:

- Children should wear loose, light-coloured clothing to help keep cool on Monday and Tuesday. They do not need to wear their school uniform. However please ensure your child wears sensible shoes (closed toe).
- Children should wear sunhats with wide brims to avoid sunburn.
- Provide children with plenty of water. They can perhaps bring a frozen bottle of water.
- You have applied sun cream to your child before they come to school. Use sunscreen (at least factor 15 with UVA protection) to protect the skin. Children can bring sunscreen to school.
- Children should not bring their chromebooks in on Monday and Tuesday- as they generate heat.

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The current guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) states that schools should remain open. 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.

With my very best wishes

Tijen Hassan
Headteacher