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Dear Parent / Carer

Extreme Heat

We are writing to let you know that we are preparing carefully for the very hot weather currently forecast for this week. At present, we understand that an amber heat warning is likely to be in place throughout Wednesday and Thursday, and we will continue to monitor the forecast closely, including the possibility of more severe warnings further north.

To help students stay safe and comfortable, please ensure that your child comes to school with a refillable water bottle, has applied suncream before leaving home as appropriate and brings suncream in so that they can apply it themselves during the day. Students may also wish to bring a sun hat or cap for use outside. We would encourage students to wear their PE kit for the remainder of the week or alternatively not to wear their blazers or jumpers.

In line with our adverse weather procedures, we will take reasonable steps to reduce the impact of the heat during the school day. This will include encouraging regular drinking of water, keeping rooms as cool and well ventilated as possible, reducing or adapting strenuous activities (particularly in PE where outdoor activities may be moved indoors to air conditioned or cooler spaces), making use of shaded or cooler areas where we can and checking carefully on pupils who may be more vulnerable in hot weather. We may also change activities such that students are not cooking in rooms using ovens or carrying out experiments in Science with Bunsen Burners. We are also mindful that some REACH activities may need to be adjusted; students will be informed directly about these adjustments.

We will also review any planned events, including the Summer Gala Concert, as the week progresses and will update parents as soon as decisions are made. Thank you for your support in helping us keep pupils safe, well and continuing to learn during this period of hot weather.

Best wishes

Mrs J Veal
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