



22nd June 26

Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of the Red Heat Health Alert currently in place and the exceptionally high temperatures forecast for this week, we are following national government guidance and the support of Blue Kite Trust, who we are joining soon, we have carefully considered the measures available to us to ensure the safety, wellbeing and comfort of all pupils and staff. All schools have a heatwave risk assessment in place. These arrangements enable us to take a proportionate and responsive approach during this period of extreme heat.

We recognise that families may wish to make individual decisions during this period of extreme heat. To support this, we are offering the following options:

1. Keeping your child at home

Parents and carers may choose to keep their child at home on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** of this week if you feel this is in your child's best interests.

- Absence for this reason will be recorded as **authorised**
- Please call or email the school office to inform us if your child/ren are not going to attend on these days.

2. Early collection option

We are also offering the option to collect your child early at **1pm** on these days.

- Children will be provided with lunch before collection
- Please call or email the school office in advance or inform the class teacher so that these arrangements can be made

Please note, it may become necessary to take further action, including the partial or full closure, should the risks increase and conditions require it.

3. Attending school (full or part day)

For pupils attending school, we ask that:

- Long-lasting sun cream is applied before the start of the day
- A sun hat is brought to school and worn outdoors
- A clearly named water bottle is brought (children will be regularly encouraged to drink)
- Uniform is not essential this week, children may wear lightweight, comfortable clothing, PE kit may be worn if preferred but please ensure shoulders are covered up

We will be doing everything we can in school to help children and staff stay safe and comfortable in the heat. This includes:

- **Outdoor PE and sporting activities have been suspended**, as the risks cannot be sufficiently mitigated in these conditions
- We are **reviewing wraparound care provision**, making adjustments where necessary to ensure safety
- **After school clubs** have been cancelled
- We are maintaining close oversight throughout the day to ensure that any emerging concerns are addressed promptly

We recognise that these are difficult decisions, and it is important to emphasise that we very rarely close the school in response to weather conditions. We will continue to monitor the situation carefully, following the latest guidance and local conditions. However, we ask for your understanding that as the week progresses.

Yours sincerely,