

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, very hot weather is expected over the next few days, especially on Wednesday and Thursday.

**To help everyone feel more comfortable, students and staff may wear non-school uniform on Wednesday and Thursday. Students and staff should wear light and comfortable clothing, but this must still be suitable for school. Unfortunately it is too hot this week for our afterschool sports clubs and sports fixtures to run, so they will have to be cancelled, apologies for any inconvenience. Other clubs, like Homework Club will still be open.**

We are taking a number of steps to help keep students and staff as safe and comfortable as possible during the hot weather.

### **What school is doing**

We will:

- Allow students and staff to wear non-school uniform on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Encourage students to drink water regularly during the day.
- Make sure students can access water and toilets when needed.
- Have extra water stations available in school.
- Ask staff to make sensible changes in lessons where needed.
- Avoid unnecessary physical activity during the hottest parts of the day.
- Use cooler areas of the school where possible, including the Library, shaded outdoor spaces and air-conditioned rooms when available.
- Continue to check the weather forecast and conditions in school each day.
- Let families know if any further changes are needed.

### **What parents and carers can do**

Please:

- Send your child to school with a water bottle.
- Send your child with a hat if possible.
- Apply sun cream before school.
- Send sun cream with your child if they need to reapply it during the day.
- Make sure your child wears light, comfortable clothing that is still suitable for school.
- Remind your child to drink water regularly during the day.

We know that some schools may decide to close early or partially close during very hot weather. This is something we would consider if we felt it was not safe to remain open. However, we also have to think carefully about all students, especially vulnerable students. For some children, school is a safe and supportive place to be, and closing early can create difficulties for them and their families.

Please be assured that student and staff welfare is our priority. We will continue to take sensible steps to keep everyone as safe and comfortable as possible.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind regards,  
Adam Shelley