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Arrangements for the Heatwave

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you'll be aware an extreme heatwave is forecast for Monday and Tuesday and you may be concerned about your child's safety at school on those days so I wanted to reassure you about our plans.

Firstly, on both days children can wear either their uniform or their PE uniform (plain whole t-shirt and black shorts) so that it is comfortable and keeps them cool.

Children will be encouraged to sit under the shade of the trees that we have around the field and school's site and our youngest children will be allowed to stay inside during lunchtime break as it's at the hottest point of the day. This is because we know they won't always remember to stay in the shade, like the older children do. They'll do indoor activities instead.

For morning break, teachers will take the children outside but they'll be encouraged to play in the shade so they have a break but aren't in the sun or running around.

Teachers will adjust timetables to ensure that lessons are suitable for the warm weather. There will be no PE lessons outside. We are lucky to have two halls, which are internal rooms that stay relatively cool.

Children will be reminded to drink water regularly and will be able to refill their water bottles whenever needed.

It's essential that all children bring a refillable water bottle to school, sun hat and have suncream applied to their skin before school. Our staff can supervise the children re-applying suncream but cannot put it on for them.

We hope that this reassures you that we will be ensuring that children continue learning but our priority is keeping them safe from the unusual extreme weather.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Sumner
Principal