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RE: Coping with the Heatwave on Monday and Tuesday

Dear Parents and Carers,

The warm weather is very welcome as we approach the end of term, but it can cause major disruptions both inside and outside of school. The Met office has today issued a Red Weather Warning for both Monday and Tuesday, where the temperatures in Quinton could reach 38°C (100.4°F).

We have carefully reviewed our approach to the school days on Monday and Tuesday and would like to advise the following.

At School, we will be making the following alterations in school for Monday and Tuesday:

- Your child can wear whatever will be the most comfortable for them in the heat. This does not have to be school uniform. Light coloured clothing, shorts/skirts/dresses, thin t-shirts/shirts etc. They DO NOT need a jumper, cardigan or coat!
- The children will only be outside for around 15 minutes at a time – at both breaktime and lunchtime, as well as at after school club. This is to limit their exposure to the sun as much as possible.
- Please ensure your children bring a cap or sun hat to school to wear whilst outside.
- Please ensure that you apply sun-cream to the children before they arrive at school. We cannot apply sun-cream at school.
- Please ensure your child has their water bottle in school, as we will be encouraging them to drink water as often as possible. This can be refilled in the class as often as necessary. Please do not send in any fizzy drinks, as these do not rehydrate to the same extent as water.
- There will be no assemblies, gatherings or trips in school on Monday or Tuesday. This means the children are not in large groups where the number of children can cause the temperatures to increase.
- At the end of the school day, you can avoid waiting around by being prompt for your collection: 3pm for nursery, 3:15pm for Reception and KS1, 3:20pm for KS2.
- We will do what we can to keep everyone safe in school during Monday and Tuesday.

This is a unique situation, and we have been warned that Schools may be in a position where they need to close classes at some stage on Monday or Tuesday. This will only be done as a last resort, on the instruction of the Trust or Local Authority. If all heat management options have been exhausted on site, but temperatures still pose a hazard to health for children or staff, then we will need assess the option of sending pupils home early. Please consider what you could do to keep your child safe if this had to happen.

Our priority in school on Monday and Tuesday will be to keep the children safe, with as little disruption to their learning as possible. Please take care and be careful with the heat.

Yours sincerely,

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