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Dear parents/carers,

Amber heat warning for next Monday and Tuesday

Today I have received official notification from the Council that an Amber heat warning has been put in place for Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th of July with temperatures forecast for the 35 to 38 degrees during the hottest part of the day.

At this stage the guidance does not stipulate that schools should close but to take measures to manage risk during the day.

We are taking the following steps:

- Pupils will have a morning break - the hall will be open for pupils who do not wish to be outside. No energetic games to be played, however if the temperature or sun intensity is judged to be too high even at this earlier part of the day then this will be reviewed.
- Lunchtime break will be in the dining room and again, the hall will be open for those who do not wish to go outside
- No outdoor PE lessons will take place

We are relaxing the school uniform rules until the end of term. All young people can wear shorts and a T-shirt in place of uniform. The t-shirt MUST cover the shoulders (no vest tops).

Please ensure the following:

- sun hat is in school
- bring a water bottle. (access to drinking water is available at all times of the day).
- If you wish you may put **sun cream** on your child before coming to school.

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I am asking that families risk assess their child's journey to school especially for pupils who travel a long way in a taxi to and from school. Whilst the morning journey is likely to be fine, the journey home will coincide with very high levels of heat and for pupils with longer distances this may not be 'sun safe' and I cannot assure you that all taxis will have air conditioning.

Please make a judgement in deciding whether your child's journey can be done safely and plan for Monday and Tuesday accordingly. If you feel that you do not want your child in a taxi for a long period of time in the high temperatures, please take the option to keep them at home. We will authorise this absence due to the Amber warning.

If you wish to keep your child at home, please contact the office as soon as possible so we are able to cancel their transport.

We will ensure they have access to home learning materials via email.

Currently, I can see no advantage that may outweigh the potential inconvenience in closing earlier as the difference in temperature between 1pm and 3.15pm is forecast to be one degree higher.

However, if the advice changes regarding closing schools or early finishing then we will alert you by text/email. As with 'snow days' it may be worth reviewing your domestic arrangements in case the advice changes

Please check texts and messages on Sunday. If nothing from the school then we are open as normal.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,



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