

17th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you are well aware, we have been issued with a weather warning for extreme heat on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, so the DfE and Oxfordshire County Council have issued guidance as well as urging schools to review their risk assessments in the light of this. Over the weekend we have reviewed our risk assessments and have made the decision to close on Monday and Tuesday from 12.30pm

Therefore, on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July we will be taking the following precautions:

- **Closing from 12:30pm on both Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July.** We will be bringing our lunchtime forward so children will all have eaten before going home.
- Any parents who choose not to send their children into school on Monday or Tuesday this week due to the weather will have **authorised absence**. Please advise us on the school absence line or send an email if you would like to do this
- No PE, so the children do not exert themselves
- Children will have short breaks outside in the shade during the morning.
- Reception and Nursery children will have limited access to their outdoor learning spaces.
- All children must wear sun cream and a hat (wide brimmed if possible), please ensure that sun cream is applied before they come to school.
- There will be no mass gatherings, i.e. assemblies
- Children do not have to wear their normal uniform, instead children can come to school in whatever is coolest
- Children will be encouraged to drink plenty of water throughout the day. We will actively be re-filling water bottles.
- All classroom windows will be opened when the school is unlocked at 6:30am to allow cool air into the classroom, then blinds will be closed to prevent sun coming in.
- Some classes in exceptionally hot classrooms may be moved into cooler parts of the school.
- Parents with children who have health needs which are affected by heat are asked to take appropriate steps to keep them safe.
- We will send TEAMS links to any parents who were due to attend SEND meetings
- We currently intend to go ahead with Year 6 leavers Graduation on Tuesday evening

I'm sure you will understand that this is not a decision we have taken lightly but believe it is in the best interest of the children. All Oxfordshire UL Primary Schools will be doing the same.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions

Best wishes

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