



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Extreme weather is forecast for next Monday and Tuesday.**

According to the weather forecast extremely high temperatures are forecast for Monday and Tuesday. We have been planning how we can keep our children (and staff) safe in school in such unusually high temperatures.

It is around lunchtime that the temperatures move into the 30s and continue to rise throughout the afternoon, so we propose to offer families the opportunity to take their child home on Monday and Tuesday afternoon, so they can keep their child cooler at home, rather than in a room with 31 other people.

This is an option and a choice. Children are welcome to stay in school for the afternoon as normal. Woodlands will continue to remain open for the whole day, with all normal activities and times in place, including Woodies and Mr Dovey's after school clubs. 'Parent Drop Ins' will also run as planned on both days.

**Lunchtime dismissal, if you choose:**

12:00 from the usual exit doors – Nursery (30 hours), Reception, Y1 and Y2

12:15 from the usual exit doors – Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

You do not need to let us know in advance, you can just turn up at the above times to collect your child.

**Lunch**

- There will no hot lunches, only packed lunches on Monday and Tuesday
- Children in Reception, Y1, Y2 and Nursery 30 hours will have a packed lunch in school between 11:30 and 12:00
- In Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6, Free School Meal children will have a packed lunch in school before 12:15 if they choose
- In Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6, if you would like to order a packed lunch in school for your child to eat before 12:15, then please pay using Scopay as you normally would.

**Work for the afternoon**

We work very hard during the academic year and so the last week of the year is when children can enjoy a less academic approach. Therefore, staff will send home some kind of learning for your child for the afternoon sessions. This may be a

challenge or more practical, and we do understand that not every child will complete these challenges, which is absolutely fine.

## **Uniform**

Children can wear their **school PE kits** on Monday and Tuesday if they choose.

Children staying in school will be mainly inside during the school day and only go outside for 15 minute periods during the course of the day. **Therefore, suncream applied before school, hats and water bottles will be essential.**

## **Y6**

Monday: Y6 have the option to arrive by 10:30 on Monday due to the Prom event the evening before, and then parents can collect at 12:15. It does seem rather strange to come into school for less than two hours so we understand if parents would rather make arrangements for their child to be absent for the whole of Monday. If you choose this option then please do contact Reception to let them know.

If a child is leaving school at 12:15 then they will need to be collected by an adult and will not be able to walk home by themselves.

If the weather forecast does alter over the weekend, then we shall revert to normal and there will be no lunchtime dismissal. Please presume this plan is going ahead unless you receive a text on Monday morning to say the lunchtime dismissal is cancelled.

**Parents please note that Woodlands will remain open for all normal times and normal activities on both days, including Woodies before and after school. You can send your child and collect your child from school as normal.**

**The lunchtime dismissal is a choice for our families on Monday and Tuesday.**

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher