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Dear Parents,

As temperatures are forecast to continue rising over the course of this week, I would like to share some important information regarding arrangements in school.

School Uniform

Children may wear either school uniform or their school PE kit. I recognise that some items of uniform may, in fact, be cooler than PE kit, so children should wear whichever option / combination is most comfortable for them in the heat. A plain white t-shirt without a collar is also absolutely fine (without sports logos).

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, it is recommended that children wear trainers or closed shoes. However, given the exceptional temperatures, children may wear closed-toe 'Crocs'-style sandals (closed toe), provided that the strap is worn securely behind the heel at all times.

Open-toed sandals including sliders should not be worn.

I would want to emphasise that there is an increased risk of trips and falls when wearing this 'Crocs' type of footwear compared to trainers. However, I also recognise the importance of keeping children as cool as possible in these conditions. This is therefore a parental decision, with an understanding of the potential risks.

On your child's PE days, please ensure trainers are worn / brought in to school for the PE session.

Please ensure children are wearing school uniform on Wednesday for School Photos. If you would like your child to wear their Jumpers / Cardigans for the photo, please send them in.

Sports Day

Sports Day races will now take place in the morning, beginning at 9:00am, rather than during the afternoon.

Unfortunately, children will not take part in the usual 'round robin' activities this year. We had hoped to reschedule these at some point in the week, but due to the sustained high temperatures, this will not be possible.

Sincere apologies for the change in timings; it really is one extreme to the other!





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Additional Measures in School During Hot Weather

To help keep children safe and comfortable during this period of hot weather, we will also be:

- Encouraging children to stay in shaded areas whenever possible
- Limiting running around at break and lunchtime
- Providing regular opportunities for rest and cooling down
- Ensuring children have frequent access to drinking water (please ensure your child brings a named water bottle)
- Reminding children to wear hats/caps when outdoors (if they have one)
- Applying sensible adjustments to the school day where needed to reduce heat exposure
- Please ensure long-lasting sun cream is applied before the school day as adults cannot apply this for children, due to safeguarding protocols.

If your child is due to take part in an after school club or is on a trip this week, please keep an eye out for additional information about changes to these arrangements.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fitch'.

Mrs A Fitch
Headteacher

