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Weather Warning

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to reassure you about the school's response to the current spell of hot weather. I know that rising temperatures can cause concern, but please be assured that we have thoroughly risk-assessed the school building and grounds. We are confident that it remains **completely safe** for both our children and staff to be on-site.

To ensure everyone stays comfortable and safe during the school day, we have implemented a comprehensive range of heat-management measures.

Keeping Our Children Cool

- **Adjusted Uniform:** Children are encouraged to wear loose, cool clothing or PE kits instead of their full formal uniforms.
- **Hydration First:** We have set up extra water stations around the school, and staff are prompting children to take regular drink breaks throughout the day.
- **Shaded Play & Limited Exertion:** Outdoor playtime is being limited and moved to shaded areas. High-energy sports and physical activities have been postponed. Lunchtimes will be inside the building where it is cooler.
- **Ventilation:** Windows and blinds are being managed strategically to maximise airflow while keeping the direct sun out of classrooms.
- **Slower Pace:** The school day is running at a more relaxed pace to ensure children do not overexert themselves.
- **Air conditioned rooms:** We fortunately have a few air conditioned rooms which are being used throughout the day to cool the children down

Potential Early Finish: Wednesday & Thursday

While the school is safe and will absolutely remain open, we recognise that the peak afternoon heat can still be challenging for some children, and that families have varying circumstances.

We are currently considering offering an **optional early finish time of 1:15 pm on Wednesday and Thursday**.

Why are we considering an optional early finish? We want to offer flexibility. An optional 1:15 pm pickup allows parents who are able to collect their children to do so before the hottest part of the afternoon. However, we know this is not possible for everyone. Therefore, **school will remain fully open and safe until the normal end of the day** for any children who need to stay.

Next Steps and Confirmation

Our leadership team is conducting a final risk assessment this afternoon to monitor classroom temperatures and weather forecasts.

We will write to you again by **5:00 pm today** to confirm whether this optional early finish will go ahead. If it does, we will include full details on how to let us know if your child will be leaving early or staying for the full day.

Thank you so much for your continued support, understanding, and cooperation as we work together to keep our school community safe and comfortable.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hopkins, Headteacher

