

15th July 2022

Extreme Heat: Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July.

Dear Parents,

As I am sure that you are aware, early next week the country will be experiencing record-breaking high temperatures. I am aware that there is a Red weather warning of extreme heat in place. The Red warning sets out that we should all be prepared to change plans to protect ourselves and family. This is based on the forecast from the Met Office.

No guidance, at the time of writing this letter, has been issued by the DfE to say that schools should close. We will take all steps necessary to ensure children are kept safe and comfortable including monitoring of internal temperatures, adequate ventilation, making water available throughout the day and at multiple locations around school, relaxation of uniform requirements, ensuring that children are moved out of any areas that become too hot into a cooler area, and limiting time out in the sun to absolute minimum.

What will be in place at Exeter School?

- Doors and windows will be open early in the morning to release any heat from overnight. Doors and windows will be shut when the outside air temperature rises to keep excess heat out. Fans will be used for ventilation under 35 degrees. Classroom blinds will be closed to keep the sun out.
- Children may come to school on Monday and Tuesday wearing their PE Kit. Please ensure that proper footwear is worn – no open toed sandals for children.
- All children **should** have sunhats and suncream applied before coming to school for very limited time in the sun.
- All children should have water bottles (named) and these will be available all through the day for children.
- Reduced expectations for learning time as we are aware that children will not be able to 'carry on as normal' during the heatwave.
- *Adjustments to Sports Day have already been made and communicated to parents – we apologise for last minute adjustments that are unavoidable under the circumstances.*
- Breaktimes will be very limited time on the playground and children will be able to relax in shady spots and in shared areas.
- Inside areas used for lunchtimes with limited time outside. Shaded areas to be used.



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- CO2 monitors will be used to monitor the school temperatures throughout the day.
- Use of cooler workspaces to be used as required.
- Parents will be contacted immediately should we have concerns regarding the wellbeing of any pupils.

You can see more information that we have referred to here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/07/14/advice-for-schools-and-other-education-settings-during-a-heatwave/>

Kind regards,
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