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Red Alert Heat Wave conditions on Monday and Tuesday

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have received, from the Met Office, a red weather warning for high temperatures on **Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th** next week. As a result, we will be taking measures to keep staff and pupils safe and comfortable, including the following:

- All pupils are **not to** wear their ties and blazers. School shorts/summer dresses are recommended. School P.E kit can be worn on **Monday and Tuesday** – this must be **black shorts and white T shirt**.
- Staff will review timetables to take into account the heat and adjust activities accordingly e.g P.E lessons and forest school will not take place on Monday and Tuesday.
- Lunchtimes will be spent either inside or in the shade with no ball games or running on the field. Pupils will be given calm seated fun activities to keep them occupied during their break.
- The whole school assembly on Monday will be delivered virtually to the pupils. Celebration Assemblies will go ahead as planned as they are at 9am next week so hopefully it will be cooler. We will risk assess this nearer the time. Graduations for reception and year 6 are scheduled on Wednesday and Friday so are still due to go ahead as normal but again, we will monitor this nearer the time.
- Measures will be taken to keep classrooms as cool as possible e.g. fans, lights off and blinds drawn.
- We will ensure that all pupils spend some time in the classrooms that do have air conditioning throughout the day.
- We will schedule more water breaks to ensure that all pupils are drinking enough throughout the day.

Things to prepare from home:

- ensure that pupils have sun cream that will last all day
- bring in a water bottle and a sun hat
- ice packs in lunch boxes are recommended

These **measures are in place for Monday and Tuesday** at this current time and I will review this on Tuesday for the rest of the week.

The PTFA will be selling a selection of **ice creams/lollies on Tuesday**. They will be sold outside the year 2 and 3 classrooms.

I know that these extreme conditions can be alarming, however I assure you that we will do everything we can to keep the pupils as comfortable as we can whilst they are at school. We will continue to follow guidance by Oxfordshire County Council and the Department for Education.



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Yours sincerely

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Acting Principal