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### Heatwave Plans

Dear Parents,

As you will be aware, we are set for a couple of days of very hot weather. As such, please see below for the steps we all need to take to ensure that children are safe and comfortable. Please note that the steps are set out for Monday and Tuesday, we will review whether we need any extra procedures for Wednesday on Tuesday afternoon.

- Children can wear non-uniform. We suggest sending them in loose fitting, light coloured and lightweight clothing.
- Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle to school. Children will be encouraged to drink regularly throughout the hot period and will have access to refill their water bottle whenever they need to.
- In some classes, we will need to move to outdoor learning. We will limit the amount of time children are in the direct sunlight as we have plenty of shaded areas on our grounds.
- Children will have an outdoor break time in the morning as usual. However, we will have indoor activities at lunchtime to prevent children from running around as the temperature increases.
- Please remember to send your child in with a sun hat.
- Please apply sun cream to your child in the morning before school.

Although school will be open as normal, we may not be operating normally in these conditions. Unfortunately, some learning will be disrupted over the next couple of days, but the children's safety is of the upmost importance. It may be necessary to move learning outdoors as some of our classrooms do become hot. If this is the case, I have asked staff to plan alternate, low intensity activities (circle time, reading, PSHE, etc) that can be carried out in the shade. We will risk assess the situation in each classroom and make decisions accordingly. Not all pupils will need to work outside as some classrooms are cooler than others are.

Please rest assured we will do all we can to keep your children safe and happy over the next couple of days. If you have any concerns or queries, then please feel free to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

T Hinkley  
Headteacher.

