

17th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Friday, the Met Office increased the 'Amber' alert to 'Red.' This indicates an extreme heat warning in place for Monday and Tuesday.

The Department for Education has made it clear that schools should stay open. They have also stated that school leaders are able to put their own safety plans in place. We also know that many parents have concerns about sending their children to school in times of such unprecedented extreme weather. We have therefore now reviewed our plans.

On Monday and Tuesday parents have the option to:

- Collect their children from school at 1.30pm (This avoids the hottest part of the day. Children will be collected from their classroom doors) If your child has permission to walk home from school you must let the school know you would like them to leave at 1.30pm.
- Send their children to school as normal and school will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm.

While in school on those days our plans to keep the children safe will include:

- Very limited time outside
- Gazebos erected to ensure children sit in the shade
- Changing break times
- Ensuring children stay hydrated with regular refilling of water bottles
- Doors and windows to remain open
- Fans in classrooms
- Wearing of children's own light clothes and not school uniform if you wish.

As during all warmer weather please remember to apply sunscreen and ensure children have a hat and water bottle.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Kelly