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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to reassure you about the measures we are taking to help keep children safe, comfortable and well during the exceptionally hot weather.

To help children stay as cool as possible, pupils are continuing to come to school in their PE kits, and we have made changes to our usual routines to minimise their exposure to the heat. Children are remaining indoors at lunchtime rather than playing outside, where temperatures are at their highest. They have been enjoying a range of alternative activities, including films, colouring and other calm indoor pursuits, so they are still able to spend time socialising with their friends.

We have also purchased commercial-grade fans for classrooms, are keeping blinds closed to reduce indoor temperatures, and will be providing ice pops on the two hottest days. Most importantly, children have constant access to fresh, cold drinking water and are being regularly encouraged to drink throughout the day.

In light of the forecast temperatures, trips and visits scheduled for Thursday have been cancelled and alternative activities arranged.

I completely understand your concerns about the extreme temperatures expected tomorrow and Thursday. Please be assured that we are doing everything reasonably possible to keep children safe and comfortable while they are in our care. Although the weather will inevitably feel hot, we are keeping children out of direct sunlight wherever possible, encouraging calm activities, and ensuring they remain well hydrated throughout the day.

As always, if any child becomes unwell, we will contact parents or carers immediately. Please let us know if your child requires any additional measures we may not know about.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Callanan
Executive Headteacher