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Dear Families,

Re: Hot Weather - Amendments to School Hours

I am writing to inform you of some temporary, yet essential, changes to our school schedule for the remainder of this week. As you are likely aware, a Red Weather Warning for extreme heat has been issued.

Our absolute priority is the health, safety and well-being of our children, families and staff. Due to the forecasted unprecedented June temperatures, we have taken the decision to compress the school day to ensure everyone is safely out of the peak afternoon heat.

From Tuesday 23rd June to Friday 26th June, our amended hours will be as follows:

- 7.55am: School gates will open for families.
- 8.00am: The school day will officially begin. (Please ensure children arrive promptly to maximize cooler morning learning time).
- 12.55pm: School gates will reopen for collection.
- 1.00pm: The school day will end.

Lunch and Logistics

- School Meals: All children will still receive their lunch in school before dismissal at 1.00pm.
- Cancellations: Regrettably, all school trips, events and sports days scheduled for this week are cancelled. We are incredibly disappointed to have to call these off and we will do our absolute best to reschedule them once the weather breaks.

On-Site Safety Measures

To keep the children cool and comfortable during their hours with us, we have implemented the following measures across the school:

- **Limited Time Outside:** We will strictly limit any time spent outdoors, keeping children inside ventilated spaces as much as possible during the heat of the day.
- **Extra Shade:** We have created additional shaded areas in the playground for the brief periods children are outside.
- **Water Stations:** Dedicated water stations have been set up around the school building so children can easily and frequently refill their bottles.

How You Can Help

To help us keep your children comfortable during these shorter morning sessions, please ensure they:

- Come to school wearing loose, light-coloured clothing. We are relaxing the school's uniform code for the remainder of this week. The children do not need to wear their school uniform and should be dressed to allow them to feel comfortable in the heat.
- Have a refillable water bottle packed.
- Have high-factor sun cream applied before arriving at school.
- Bring a sun hat for any brief periods outdoors.

We intend to return to our normal school hours next Monday, assuming the weather warning has been lifted. We will share further information about next week shortly. If the government changes its advice or asks us to make any additional considerations, we will contact you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding, flexibility and cooperation as we navigate these extreme conditions together. Please stay safe and keep cool.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Derek Hewie
Headteacher