

Principals' Post

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RED WEATHER WARNING

Dear Families

As you will be aware, a red weather warning has now been issued for the week ahead, with extremely high temperatures forecast.

The wellbeing of our children and staff remains our absolute priority. Following guidance from the Department for Education, schools are expected to remain open and make sensible adaptations to keep everyone safe. We would like to reassure you that we have robust plans in place and have already begun implementing a range of measures across both campuses.

We kindly ask that all children:

- Apply plenty of sunscreen before coming to school
- Bring a named sun hat
- Bring a named water bottle, which can be refilled throughout the day

Further adaptations this week will include:

- Lunch times will be reduced for outdoor play or moved indoors where necessary. These decisions will be made on a day-by-day basis depending on conditions.
- Children will spend more time indoors during the hottest parts of the day.
- Blinds will remain down in all classrooms to reduce heat.
- PE lessons will be non-active and classroom based.
- All BEActive after-school clubs have been cancelled for the week.
- Overall, we will ensure the pace of the day remains calm, with minimal physical activity, and a strong focus on keeping children cool and well hydrated.

To support comfort:

- Children are welcome to wear their PE kit for the whole week
- Year 6 children do not need to wear ties or blazers

For reassurance:

- All classrooms at our Oxley campus are fully air conditioned



- At our Shenley campus, the building benefits from a cool air system, with additional fans in classrooms where needed

Adjustments to planned events:

- The Year 3 trip has been postponed. Further details have been shared directly with Year 3 families.
- Our author visit on Wednesday will go ahead as planned. Children will walk from the Shenley campus, now including Year 3.
 - Please ensure your child brings a hat, water bottle, and has sun cream applied for this walk.
 - The walk will be taken at a steady, careful pace.
 - If you would prefer your child not to attend, please inform your class teacher in advance so alternative arrangements can be made at the Shenley campus.
- Our New Families Welcome Meeting has been postponed until next Thursday 2 July.

Optional early pick up

While we would always advocate for children to attend the full school day, we would like to offer parents the option of early collection on **Wednesday and Thursday** (due to the red weather warnings) should this support family circumstances during this period of extreme temperatures. We recognise that many of our families walk children to and from school, and that our regular 3pm collection time is likely to coincide with the hottest part of the day.

If you wish to take up this option, children can be collected after lunch, at 1:10pm.

To help us ensure children are ready for a smooth and safe collection, please complete the form below if you intend to collect your child early.

[Early Collection - 1:10pm Wednesday and 1:10pm Thursday – Fill out form](#)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation during this period of extreme weather. By working together, we can ensure that everyone remains safe, calm and comfortable.

Warm regards

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