



HOLLYWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Adaptations for Amber Heat warning

As you may be aware, an amber heat warning has been issued for our area, with very high temperatures forecast for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

I would like to reassure you that the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff remains our highest priority. **School will remain open as usual**, and we have put a range of measures in place to help children stay as cool and comfortable as possible throughout the day.

Uniform

For **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only**, we are relaxing our uniform expectations. Pupils may choose to wear:

- Their usual summer uniform (red checked dress or school skirt/shorts with a school polo shirt), **or**
- Shorts of their own choice (please no denim) with their school polo shirt.

Children may also wear suitable alternative footwear, such as trainers. If sandals are worn, they must be worn with socks for health and safety reasons.

Keeping Cool

To help manage the heat:

- All classrooms have fans in use.
- Windows and doors will remain open where appropriate, with blinds closed to reduce heat from direct sunlight.
- Outdoor activities have been adapted, and all football and ball games at playtimes have been cancelled for the remainder of the week.
- During lunchtime and afternoon playtimes, when temperatures are expected to be at their highest, children will still have access to the outdoors but will remain in shaded areas.
- We are putting up additional gazebos to increase the amount of shade available.

If any families have a gazebo that they would be willing to lend the school for the next few days, we would be extremely grateful. Additional shade will help us provide more comfortable outdoor spaces for the children. If you do please ring the school office.

You may also wish to send your child with a small picnic blanket or towel so they can sit comfortably on the grass in shaded areas during playtimes. Some children have brought personal handheld fans into school, and these may be used during breaks while sitting in the shade.

What We Need From You

Please ensure that your child:

- Brings a **named water bottle** to school every day.
- Brings a **sun hat** to wear outdoors.
- Has **sun cream applied before arriving at school**. If you wish your child to reapply sun cream during the day, you may send a clearly named bottle into school for them to use independently where appropriate.

Residential Visits

Our planned residential visits will continue to go ahead. We are working closely with the providers to ensure appropriate safety measures are in place and that activities are adapted where necessary to account for the high temperatures. Although the weather will be exceptionally warm, we are confident that, with these precautions in place and your support, we can continue to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all of our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Ellis

Head Teacher