



Lunsford Primary School

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Dear parent/carers

You will be aware the Met Office has issued a red extreme heat warning for Monday 18 July and Tuesday 19 July.

The Department for Education sent Headteachers communication yesterday outlining that they do not expect schools to close.

Students are to wear PE kit on Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that all children have a sun hat and water bottle in school with them next week. Further advice and support with regards to staying safe and cool in the sun can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/>

The Department for Education (DfE) yesterday issued schools with guidance on keeping children safe during a heatwave. The guidance includes, for example, advice on the use of ventilation indoors in addition to ensuring that children avoid any vigorous physical activity. There has also been further guidance from Kent with regard to risk assessments in school.

Our portacabin classrooms are very well ventilated and each classroom has its own extraction fans to keep air circulating well. We also have additional fans in each of the classrooms as well as having an air conditioned library/ ICT suite.

Such measures have already been implemented during this week and are being reviewed by the senior leaders on a daily basis as we endeavour to keep all in school cool.

It is with regret that we will cancel Year 6 swimming on Monday afternoon and we will be taking measures ensuring children avoid being exposed to the sun for too long. Therefore breaktimes and lunchtimes will be reviewed and children encouraged to be in the shade if outside.

Please may I ask you to talk to your child over the weekend about the importance of keeping themselves safe in the sun.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Kind regards
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