

July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

The forecast for Sunday to the end of Tuesday is for temperatures to be much hotter than we are used to with Monday and Tuesday looking to be exceptionally warm.

During these final two school days, pupils will remain either in a shaded area when outside, or they will stay indoors. All windows will be open to circulate any breeze and the blinds in classrooms will be lowered to help to prevent the sunlight heating the rooms. Many classrooms also have air-conditioning, which will be used where possible. Although we are lucky enough to have many opening windows in each classroom, it will still be hot.

Please make sure your child comes to school with a bottle of water, a hat and that they apply sunscreen before they leave home. Pupils are still expected to wear their uniform, however, young people in secondary are not expected to wear their blazer and tie. Water is available in school, but it will help if they bring a water bottle from home too.

We will be reorganising lunchtimes each day to allow for an early finish if parents would prefer to collect their children before the temperatures really heat up in the afternoon. On Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 July, therefore, school will finish at 1:30pm. However, we recognise that this is short notice and this may be inconvenient for some parents, including those at work. Therefore, school will remain open until the normal home time for those of you who are unable to make alternative arrangements. Children who remain in school will continue with their scheduled learning. Those leaving early can also access online learning resources via the school website if you wish.

We are coming to the end of our attendance challenge and those pupils who have earned a garden party or trip to the ice cream van will now take part in those activities on either Monday or Tuesday morning.

It is for parents to decide if temperatures are too high for their child to attend school. If you make the decision to keep your children at home, please contact school using the absence reporting line to let us know, otherwise you will receive a text from the attendance team asking for the reason for your child's absence.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Jones".

Ms H Jones
Executive Headteacher