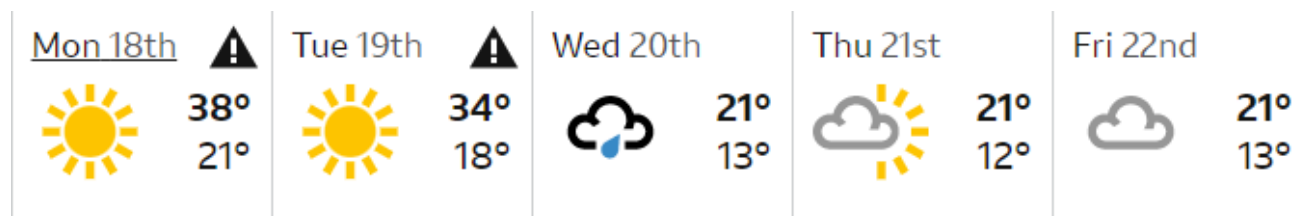


15th July 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I am sure that you have heard the reports of the red weather warning that has been issued across England this afternoon due to the upcoming heatwave.



I would like to take this opportunity to confirm that as it stands this evening school will remain open next week. I would like to inform you about the following advice from the government and Department for Education that we will now be acting upon in school on Monday and Tuesday of next week in the first instance.

Children's susceptibility to high temperatures can vary as they cannot control their body temperatures as easily as adults; therefore, they are likely to be at a higher risk of ill-health from the heat. The main risk from heat is dehydration and therefore, it is imperative that children have a drinks water bottle with them for regular drinking to avoid heat exhaustion.

We will, of course, do as much as possible to avoid children or members of staff feeling any one of the above symptoms by:

- Closing windows when the air outdoor becomes warmer than the air indoors
- Using oscillating mechanical fans to increase air flow to increase air movement
- Providing access to classrooms at lunchtimes to provide respite from the outdoor sun and temperatures
- Repeatedly taking outdoor 'shade' breaks during the lunch break
- Encouraging children to drink regularly to avoid dehydration
- Wearing caps/ hats to protect heads from direct sunlight
- Applying sun cream before the start of the day and in anticipation of the lunchtime period
- Refraining from wearing jumpers or cardigans.

In addition to the above safety measures, children can come to school wearing their PE kits consisting of an unbranded white t-shirt and black shorts on Monday and Tuesday. Alternatively, if children prefer, they can continue to wear their summer uniform if they will find this cooler. No

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other variations will be allowed as we must maintain our high standards of uniform and follow the school rules at all times.

If your child has a medical condition that will be exacerbated due to high temperature, please contact the school office on Monday morning to discuss further.

If there is any updated guidance/advice released over the weekend that affects the opening of school next week, I will inform you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gibbins