

Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Given the very warm temperatures this week and the heat wave warning for next week (temperatures in Woolwich and Charlton are expected to reach up to 39 degrees during the afternoon), this letter is to outline the things that we will be doing as a school in order to ensure that the health and safety of the children is a priority.

On Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July **only**, for **Key Stage 2 children (years 3-6)**, school will **finish at 1:40pm** this is due to the projected temperatures outside and the impact these will have on the old Victorian building where these children are based, particularly on the higher levels.

KS1 and Early Years classrooms have modern air conditioning units and therefore these children will remain in school until **3:15 as normal**. Parents wishing to pick up their KS1/EYFS siblings at 1:45pm will be allowed to for these two days.

If the weather forecast changes in anyway, we will communicate any updates with you as soon as we can.

All other measures are outlined below:

- All children should come to school in **their Woodhill school PE kits or a school summer dress** so that they feel as comfortable and cool as possible.
- Please ensure that your child is coming to school with **a sun hat** and **sun cream** applied. They can also bring labelled sun cream to school to apply themselves.
- Also ensure that your child has a bottle of **water** that they can refill throughout the day. We will be ensuring that children stay well hydrated and have access to water at all times.
- We will be **limiting time spent outside** by reducing play times and having lunch time play inside so that the children don't get too hot. Children will access the coolest and most shaded areas in the school to have chill out time and cool down throughout the day. Strenuous activity such as outdoor PE will be avoided.
- **Fans** will be in each classroom with all doors and windows open, and blinds down for shade. Like adults, children's focus and energy levels can vary in the heat and staff will be very mindful of this by ensuring for example, that children have regular breaks throughout the day, drink water, go outside and sit under the canopy areas.



Attached to this letter is also some useful heat wave information from the government. Also found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england/beat-the-heat-staying-safe-in-hot-weather>

Should parents wish for their children of **year 5 and 6 age to walk home alone** on this day, we will require additional permission for them to do so. This can be in the form of a short-written note addressed to your child's teacher.

Teachers will provide some learning activities for children to access during the afternoon.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email us at info@woodhill.greenwich.sch.uk

Kind regards,



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