

Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

12.45pm School finish due to extreme heat on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July

Due to the forecast for extreme heat next week, we will be changing the school day to finish at 12.45pm on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July. We have done this in consultation with other WMAT schools.

All our activities week events will take place inside and we will make as much use as possible of our air-conditioned hall. We will provide an early staggered break on the Homelodge playground where there is plenty of tree cover.

All students can wear PE kit on Monday and then MUFTI on Tuesday.

Please put sun cream on you son or daughter in the morning. They will need to bring water (which they can refill during the day) and a hat.

As it stands schools follow the same rules as workplaces for staying open in the heat, meaning there is no limit at which children must legally be sent home but the Department for Education gives schools advice provided in this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england/looking-after-children-and-those-in-early-years-settings-during-heatwaves-for-teachers-and-professionals>

I would please ask that you encourage your son or daughter to avoid going out into the heat of the sun on Monday and Tuesday afternoon once they arrive home, despite the temptation. There is some very useful information about looking out for the signs of heatstroke and heat exhaustion on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/heat-exhaustion-heatstroke/>

Thank you for your support,



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