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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers

I am sure we're all well aware that this coming school week the likelihood is that temperatures will be far higher than we normally have in Derby. This appears to be becoming more of a regular occurrence and is something we are having to manage year on year in school.

As a result of this I am encouraging parents and carers alongside pupils to take some sensible actions that will allow them to continue with their education.

Most importantly is that children stay hydrated. Please make sure pupils have water bottles that they can fill at breaks/play time or at lunch to sip on throughout the day. Equally I would advise that sunscreen is applied before children leave the house each day to come to school.

At play time/break and lunch we will encourage pupils to seek out the shade or to stay inside to shelter from the sun. We will adapt what we do in our PE lessons depending on when these are during the day, again considering the temperatures that we are facing until at least Thursday.

With regards to our school dress code, we will relax this and for the remainder of this week we do not expect pupils to wear ties or blazers in secondary. Pupils if they wish can wear tailored shorts, not football or basketball shorts. In primary we would encourage parents to make sure their children are dressed in a polo shirt, school shorts or a light pinafore dress. We hope that these adaptations will help keep the children as cool as possible and allow them to continue with their learning.

We will of course adapt the activities that we are doing in our classrooms to recognise this whilst equally understanding the needs for everyone to keep going with their learning.

I have prepared a blog, which I have shared with the pupils to make them aware of this, so this message should not come as a surprise to them.

We recognise that we need to make some changes to what we do daily but also that fact that each day is a learning day and school should be unmissable. We look forward to seeing the pupils and us working through this short period of 'warm' weather.

Best regards



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