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Thursday 14th July 2022

Dear Families

I hope you are all well and managing to keep cool.

As you are aware, there are weather warnings from the Met Office for extreme heat on Monday and Tuesday next week. Some schools have already made the decision to close early or close completely. As you are also aware, these decisions do not come easy for myself or my team as we do not want any disruptions to the children’s learning, or to you as working families. We do however, not want them in an environment that won’t suit their needs with the expected excessive heat. This week so far has been noticeably tough for the children and they have exhibited negative behaviours due to them trying to be comfortable and regulated within a very hot, humid and stifling building!

Therefore, I want to offer you a few choices in which to manage this together:

- 1 – Your child is in School all day as you feel your child can manage this expected heat
- 2 – You feel your child can manage until lunchtime and you would prefer to collect at 12.00pm and take them home for the hottest part of the day
- 3 – You feel that your child won’t cope with the heat and you would like an authorised absence in order to keep them home and regulate their ability to cope with the excessive heat in line with their specific needs.

I will put a slip at the end of this letter and I would appreciate you sending this back by tomorrow so I have an idea of numbers so we can perhaps spread the children around a bit more to help those that are here.

I am listening to my colleagues in other settings and it feels so difficult to make a decision around this so I am happy we work together to manage this.



I have had the pleasure of reading the School Report Comments over the past few days. Thank you so very much for all your kind and positive comments. They really are appreciated by all of the staff.

I am aware that some of you have been sharing your thoughts and opinions on the class lists and who is with who. Although I appreciate that the sentiment for sharing these opinions will be considered as being for the best, the information that is being shared is far from accurate. It also does not reflect the bigger picture of the school and the reasons for our decisions as experienced Senior Leaders within our setting. I kindly ask that if you feel the classes are not set to how you think they should be; you either speak to one of us about this as we hold **all** the knowledge, or just hold it to yourself as your opinion. We are having to speak with new families, and existing families, and put their minds at rest as they are being told things that are simply not true. As you can appreciate, starting a new school and moving to a new class may be a time of anxiety for some people and so we do not want any unnecessary upset and confusion. I thank you in advance for your support with this.

Thank you so much to those of you who attended the Parent Carer meetings last night, it was good to see so many of you again.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.



Tracey

Headteacher

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July – Excessive Heat Weather Warning

Please return the consent forms by Friday 15th July.

Child's Name..... Class

Delete the statements that are not applicable

1 – Will be in school all day as usual

2 – Will be collected at 12.00

3 – Will stay at home

Signed Parent Carer

