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Dear parents and carers,

HEATWAVE AND MEASURES NEXT WEEK – forewarning of possible early closure on Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th



It has been an absolute delight to see you all in school for the many events we've had on recently – long may this continue. Some of you will have experienced how very **hot** our Victorian school building can be, and also noticed that there is **little shade** in the playground. On hotter days, **staff are limiting outdoor play, encouraging the children to drink more water, and being vigilant to signs of heatstroke.**

For the immediate future, we have asked parents to **help us to keep the children safe by:**

- putting **sun screen** on your children each morning (children can also bring a **labelled bottle** of cream to **re-apply** as the day goes on or if they get wet)
- ensuring your child has a bottle of **water** at the start of each day (to be topped up).
- ensuring your child wears a wide-brimmed **hat** and that they are dressed in **loose, light clothing** that covers their shoulders

Next week, **Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th** are currently forecast to be between 34 - 38 degrees celsius (the Met Office has issued an Amber Warning and have warned of 'population-wide adverse health effects').



If this is indeed the case, the classrooms would be significantly hotter than that and therefore unsafe, in which event we would need to make a decision to **close the school early on health and safety grounds, likely by midday.**

Though we hope to avoid any closure, early or otherwise, myself and the Governors thought it prudent to forewarn our busy families that **early closure is a possibility** if the children and staff's safety is at risk. We will continue to evaluate the situation and keep you updated - we aim to confirm plans by **Sunday lunchtime.**

Governors are also considering longer term options for mitigating any extreme weather events so we can all keep doing what we love without any further interruption. Thanks as always for your understanding. Individual year groups who have planned trips or events will be in touch with parents with new arrangements.

Many thanks,

Liz, Syra and the Governing Board