



Sheep Dip Lane
Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

Heatwave Alert and Safety Announcement

I am writing to inform you that the UK has been issued with a heatwave alert for Doncaster and South Yorkshire over the weekend and at the beginning of next week. The temperature for Monday is forecast to be 34 degrees Celsius and on Tuesday 37 degrees Celsius and I am sure you have seen updates within the media.

I want to reassure you that the safety of our pupils and staff is paramount in our planning.

Following a meeting with our Trust we have planned to do everything we can to keep our children and staff as safe and cool as possible using guidance issued by the Department for Education and NHS. It is important to note that we will continue to monitor weather forecasts and updated guidance to support our risk assessments and procedures. Measures we have put into place for the start of next week are as follows:

Our indoor learning environment

- Ensuring cool airflow and ventilation within classrooms and learning spaces through early opening by our site team whilst temperatures are lower to keep temperatures down.
- The provision of fans and air conditioning units in classes and areas that do not benefit from external shade.
- Water stations in each class so that children and staff take regular planned water breaks to stay cool and hydrated.
- Using shaded and the coolest larger areas where possible for learning with groups.
- Closing classroom blinds to allow shade
- Keeping electrical lighting to a minimum where possible and switching off electrical devices when not in use – not leaving them on standby

Outdoor environment

- We will monitor the outdoor temperature throughout the day and adjust break times and where necessary keep children indoors if temperatures rise towards 30 degrees or higher.
- No outdoor PE will take place that would over exert children



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- If it is safe to do so we will take short breaks outside in shaded areas only.
- For any visit planned for next week we are risk assessing with Trust and health colleagues to ensure where possible these can still go ahead safely. Any changes will be communicated if needed.

Other changes

We advise the following for all our families to support the measures we will put in place.

- Children to wear loose, light coloured clothing to keep their body temperature cool e.g. a t-shirt and shorts (not vest tops or cropped top that expose areas of the skin vulnerable to sunburn)
- To wear a sunhat with a peak or wide brim and to have had sun cream applied (with at least SPF Factor 30 or above) before they come to school. This can also be sent in your child's bag labelled with their name for them to apply again if needed with supervision.
- Children to bring a bottle of water that can be refilled.

Finally, we want to thank you for all your support in implementing these measures. Below is an additional advice link should you need this. I want to reassure you again that the safety of our children and staff is paramount in our planning, as well as the need to keep learning continuity at our provision.

[Sun safety | Cancer Research UK](#)

Thank you so much and please take care over the weekend.

Yours Sincerely



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