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Good Afternoon,

As I am sure you are aware, there is a heat warning in place for early next week. We are using guidance from the National Heatwave Plan alongside the [schools guidance](#).

As a result, during periods of high temperature, we have agreed the following:

- children will not take part in vigorous physical activity on very hot days, such as when temperatures are in excess of 30°C
- we will encourage children playing outdoors to stay in the shade as much as possible
- children will not be required to wear school uniform on Monday and Tuesday, they should wear loose, light-coloured clothing to help keep cool and sunhats with wide brims to avoid sunburn
- please send in sun cream in a named bottle (at least factor 15 with UVA protection) to protect skin if children are playing or taking lessons outdoors for more than 20 minutes
- provide children with a water bottle. Staff will encourage the children to drink more than usual when conditions are hot
- we will open windows as early as possible in the morning before children arrive, to allow stored heat to escape from the building
- almost close windows when the outdoor air becomes warmer than the air indoors – this should help keep the heat out while allowing adequate ventilation
- we will close indoor blinds or curtains, but will not let them block window ventilation
- we will keep the use of electric lighting to a minimum and will switch off all electrical equipment, including computers, monitors and printers when not in use
- in the afternoons, the children in Class 4 and Class 3 will work either in the school hall or Class 2 as these areas are often cooler
- oscillating mechanical fans can be used to increase air movement if temperatures are below 35°C
- if necessary, **and only in extreme conditions**, we may consider rearranging school finish and play times

If you have any questions or concerns about next week then please don't hesitate to get in touch: headteacher@gfschools.co.uk