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School in the Sun!

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Dear Parents/Carers

In the last few days, there has been a few concerns expressed regarding the safety of your child in school during this hot period.

Please be aware that we do closely listen to and follow both nationally issued advice and that shared from the department of education.

Whilst I have already done so on the newsletter, I thought that it would be worth sharing with you what we as a school facilitate for your child in conditions current and expected:

- Your child has their own water bottle in school. This is refilled at your child's requirements throughout the day and permitted to be on their person both in the classroom and playground situation. These are cleaned at the end of the day and refilled with fresh water the next morning
- We recommend that your child wears and brings a sun hat to school
- We recommend that sun cream is applied before dressing in the mornings.
- We allow for your child to bring in their own labelled sun screen for reapplication during the day as you advise them. Please note, your child is expected to do this themselves. Staff do not apply for them.
- Children are permitted to bring in and wear sunglasses outside.
- If your child suffers with hay fever, please ensure that they receive their medication as appropriate before school and that further doses are sent in and paperwork completed in the usual manner should it be required.
- Every activity in school is fully risk assessed meaning that adjustments can be made to plans at any times to ensure your child's safety.

Our new initiative of forest schools is set to continue as scheduled and timetabled. The request for long sleeve tops and bottoms is again in the interest of your child. The purpose is twofold: 1) to protect from brambles, nettles and insect bites and 2) to provide sun protection. Your material of choice will ensure that your child is kept cool and protected. If you are happy that long trousers will serve this purpose then feel free to supply trainers/walking shoes as opposed to wellies. The above all remains in place and applies to forest school and PE lessons.

I hope that this reassures you that your child's safety is paramount and of upmost importance at all times

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Jerome Headteacher

