

BLACKWOOD COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers

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Warning of Extreme Heat

I hope you are all well.

As I am sure you are aware, a warning of extreme heat has been issued for Monday the 18th and Tuesday 19th July, with temperatures predicted to reach the mid-thirties.

We have already relaxed our uniform policy, with pupils being allowed to wear their PE kit until the end of term. However, we still have a small number of pupils wearing sweatshirts, hoodies or coats over the top. I would ask you to discourage your child from doing this, particularly on Monday and Tuesday when the heat will become excessive. In addition to this, please will you ensure that your child has a refillable drinks bottle, as it is vital that they remain hydrated throughout the school day. We have water fountains in school, which they can use to top it up, but we have a number of pupils coming to school currently without a drink or container.

We have a number of shaded areas that pupils can use to keep cool during unstructured times, but it is still important that pupils wear sunscreen and cover up as much as possible; long-sleeved cotton tops and sun hats should be considered and will be allowed in lieu of their PE T-shirt on Monday and Tuesday. If your child has a medical condition which may put them at greater risk of developing heat stress, heat exhaustion or skin damage, please let us know so that we can put extra measures in place.

On Monday and Tuesday we will also implement a 10 minute break between lessons 2 and 3 and 4 and 5, to enable pupils and staff to have an additional comfort break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care

Yours sincerely

Jane Wilkie

Headteacher/Pennaeth



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