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Dear Parents and Carers

Although the weather is predicted to change slightly tomorrow morning, the temperatures for the rest of the week are still high, so I have therefore made the decision to allow students in Years 7-9 to wear PE kit on Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July, if they prefer.

As previously, this is not compulsory, but should your child choose to wear PE clothes it is important that they only wear their **school PE kit, with no variations.**

Year 10 students are still out of school on work experience.

This arrangement will be in place up to and including Friday 4th July, after which the usual uniform expectations will apply. We will, of course, review this again should the high temperatures continue.

It is also sensible for students to take other precautions, for example wearing an appropriate hat at break and lunchtime. In addition, please can you ensure that your child has applied sun cream before they come to school and bring extra with them for re-application during the day.

Students should also remember to bring in their fobs – these are often kept in blazer pockets and easily forgotten!

Hydration in hot weather is also very important. I have noticed that several students still arrive at school without water bottles, so I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has a water bottle with them every day. It is also important that they consume sufficient liquid before coming to school. Students can fill their water bottles at the beginning of the day, during break and lunchtime. I am sure you understand that it is not appropriate to have students leaving lessons to fill bottles when there are other opportunities to do this. The school will clearly take a reasonable approach when students request the use of toilet facilities.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Quinn
Headteacher