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Dear Parents and Carers

The weather at the start of next week is predicted to be slightly cooler, and therefore students should revert to wearing their usual uniform. Thursday is our Sports Day, for which all students need to be wearing their PE kit. Higher temperatures are currently predicted for Friday, so for this day, I will also give students the option to wear PE clothes if they wish.

To summarise:

Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th July (inclusive) – full school uniform, no variations.

Thursday 10th July – Sports Day; all students to wear their PE kits (compulsory).

Friday 11th July – students may choose to wear their PE clothes again if they wish.

After Friday 11th July, the usual uniform expectations will apply. We will, of course, review this again should the high temperatures continue. Many parents and students have commented positively on the latitude we have shown when the weather has been particularly warm. Many of the windows in our classrooms are south facing, few of these are airconditioned.

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