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Dear Parents and Carers

At the time of writing this letter, 11.30am today, the weather forecast for **Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th June 2026** on the BBC website is as shown below, with warnings from the Met Office:

Amber warning of extreme heat

Started: 01:00 BST Monday 22 June

Ends: 23:59 BST Tuesday 23 June

A developing hot spell through Monday and Tuesday will likely lead to widespread impacts on people and infrastructure.

- More people are likely to visit coastal areas, lakes and rivers leading to an increased risk of water safety incidents
- Adverse health effects are likely to be experienced by those vulnerable to extreme heat
- The wider population are likely to experience some adverse health effects including sunburn or heat exhaustion (dehydration, nausea, fatigue) and other heat related illnesses
- Some delays to road, rail and air travel are possible, with potential for welfare issues for those who experience prolonged delays
- Some changes in working practices and daily routines likely to be required
- An increased chance that some heat-sensitive systems and equipment may fail, leading to power cuts and the loss of other services to some homes and businesses

Amber warning of extreme heat

Starts: 00:00 BST Wednesday 24 June

Ends: 23:59 BST Thursday 25 June

Hot and humid weather is expected to continue through the middle of the week, with exceptionally warm temperatures both day and night.

- Population-wide adverse health effects are likely to be experienced, not limited to those most vulnerable to extreme heat, leading to potential serious illness or danger to life
- Substantial changes in working practices and daily routines likely to be required
- Failure of heat-sensitive systems and equipment is likely, with the probable loss of power and other essential services, such as water, electricity, gas or mobile phone services
- Significantly more people are likely to visit coastal areas, lakes and rivers leading to increased risk of water safety incidents
- Delays on roads and road closures are possible, along with delays and cancellations to rail and air travel, with potential for significant welfare issues for those who experience even moderate delays



Community Unity Opportunity



Red warning of extreme heat

Starts: 09:00 BST Wednesday 24 June

Ends: 21:00 BST Thursday 25 June

An exceptional spell of hot and humid weather is expected across this region, with impacts to the general population highly likely.

- Population-wide adverse health effects experienced, not limited to those most vulnerable to extreme heat, leading to serious illness or danger to life
- Substantial changes in working practices and daily routines will be required
- High risk of failure of heat-sensitive systems and equipment, with the loss of power and other essential services, such as water, electricity, gas or mobile phone services
- Significantly more people visiting coastal areas, lakes and rivers, leading to an increased risk of water safety incidents
- Delays on roads and road closures, along with delays and cancellations to rail and air travel, with significant welfare issues for those who experience even moderate delays

As yet, there has been no directive from Hampshire Local Authority regarding the partial or full closure of schools on these days. To that end, the following measures will be in place at Oaklands from Tuesday 23rd June to Thursday 25th June:

- All pupils are expected to bring a hat or cap to school, to be worn at all times when outside.
- All pupils are expected to have a water bottle in school which can be regularly refilled.
- All pupils are expected to have appropriate sun cream applied before attending school and bring it with them to reapply.
- Break times students will be advised to sit in the shade, we will open the hall so that students can go in there to avoid the sunshine if they wish.

If there are any updates from the Met Office or Hampshire Local Authority which affect these plans, communications will be sent accordingly over the coming days.

Your sincerely



Mrs A Bonnington
Head of School