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Dear Parents and Carers

Heatwave and Weather Update

I am writing to update you with a few reminders in light of the latest heatwave.

Uniform

Students are allowed to come into school in their PE Kit until the end of term if they wish. A reminder that we expect this to be the complete and full PE Kit only with no variations, including the correct footwear of trainers.

Students who choose to wear their school uniform do not have to wear blazers or ties, but do need to be wearing their school shoes and not trainers.

Hats, hydration and suncream

Please ensure that you send your child into school with a sun hat, suncream (to be reapplied throughout the day) and a bottle of water that can be refilled. Students are advised to find shade at break and lunchtime. From tomorrow, Thursday 9 July, we will also open the hall for use during the extreme heat so that students can sit out of the sun completely if they wish. We will remind the students of the importance of staying hydrated throughout the day.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day is taking place tomorrow, Thursday 9 July. There are currently no weather warnings in place for Waterlooville and so we plan to go ahead with day as planned, but we will limit the races to the 200m and not expect students to complete in the 800m or 1500m races in the heat.

Please ensure that your child has all the items mentioned above tomorrow so they are kept hydrated and protected for the high UV levels while participating in Sports Day. We will keep students in the shade as much as possible and remind them throughout the morning to reapply suncream and hydrate. We will monitor the weather closely throughout the day and will amend the schedule further if needed.



Community Unity Opportunity



Thorpe Park Trip

This rescheduled trip is still going ahead on Monday 13 July for Year 8. All students attending will only be allowed on the coach if they have a hat, suncream and a water bottle. Anyone who has does not have these items will have to remain at school. Whilst on the trip, staff will remind students to reapply suncream and stay hydrated (water and suncream is also available around the park).

Finally, I would like to thank all the students for how well they are coping with the heat; their behaviour has been exemplary.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ABonnington". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "A" and the last name "Bonnington" joined together.

Mrs A Bonnington
Head of School