

AMBITION - CARE - COURAGE

22 June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Forecast of hot weather this week

With the forecast predicting very hot weather for our area this week, I wanted to get in touch to let you know about the steps we are taking to help keep students safe and comfortable.

I have attached a simple guide that you may find useful. The guide is called 'Beat the heat: staying safe in hot weather' and is issued by the UKHSA. As the name suggests, it contains helpful advice about how to take good care in the heat

Clearly, we will be keeping a close eye on the weather and any weather warnings and will of course act on any advice we are given. This is a dynamic situation, and we will be assessing the situation at the end of each day. Therefore, please keep a close eye on school communications as things may change quickly. Unless we communicate otherwise, please continue to ensure that your child attends school.

In the meantime, there are steps that both the school and you can take to support your child and I have outlined these below.

Our Measures in School:

- Access to Water: Students will be given additional opportunities to refill their water bottles throughout the day.
- Access to Toilets: we will ensure that the toilets are open during the day.
- Mitigations in classrooms: Where possible, we'll use fans, air conditioning units and changes of classrooms to try and alleviate the effects of the heat.
- Drinking in Lessons: We already allow students to drink water during lessons to stay hydrated but will ask staff to remind students to do so.
- Shade and Ventilation: Where possible, we will make use of shaded and well-ventilated areas during break and lunchtime. We will provide extra shade using a small number of gazebos that will be erected around the site.
- PE and Outdoor Activities: Staff will be monitoring conditions and may adapt activities or move them indoors if necessary.

How You Can Help:

We kindly ask for your support in helping your child manage the hot weather:

- Water Bottles: Please ensure your child brings a suitable, refillable water bottle to school each day.
- Sun Cream: Apply a long-lasting, high-factor sun cream before your child leaves home. Students may bring sun cream to reapply during the day if needed.
- Hats and Sunglasses: Encourage your child to bring a hat and sunglasses for outdoor activities.
- Light Clothing: We are already operating our summer uniform policy, but if your child is not taking advantage of this, please do make sure your child is dressed in light, breathable uniform items and remind them to avoid heavy layers.
- Medication: If your child has a medical condition affected by heat (e.g. asthma), please ensure they have their medication with them and inform us of any concerns.

Next Steps:

- Please talk to your child about the importance of staying hydrated and seeking shade during breaks.
- If your child is unwell or particularly vulnerable to heat, contact the school office so we can make additional arrangements if needed.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe and well during this period of hot weather.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hawthorne', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Mr R Hawthorne
Principal

Enc: Beat the heat guide