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Dear Parents and Carers,

Given the weather forecast for this week, we have reviewed our planned activities in line with advice from the Department for Education (DfE), the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the Local Authority.

The latest forecast is showing peak temperatures of 31°C on Wednesday and Thursday. In addition, an amber heat warning is in place, with national guidance making clear that the effects of this level of heat are not limited to the most vulnerable and may lead to serious illness.

Over the last 72 hours, we have carefully monitored the forecast, reviewed the latest guidance, spoken with external providers and completed a further risk assessment. As always, our priority must be to safeguard the children and staff in our care, and to take decisions that place health, safety and wellbeing first.

Stay and Play

On Friday, we will not be running Stay and Play due to the warm weather. If you know anyone who attends Stay and Play, please let them know it will not be running this week.

Outdoor Learning - Class 1

On Wednesday, Class 1 had been due to attend Outdoor Learning at Within the Wood. We have spoken to Joe, who was confident that the children could remain sheltered and hydrated throughout the session itself. However, having considered the age of the children and the forecast temperatures, we do not feel that the walk to and from Outdoor Learning would be suitable or safe.

We did consider asking parents and carers to drop off and collect from Ponden, but we fully appreciate that this suggestion has proven difficult for some families.

Therefore, we have spoken again with Joe, who has kindly agreed to come into school instead and facilitate a morning of Outdoor Learning for the children either outside in a shaded area or in the school hall.

Please ensure that your child comes to school with sun cream already applied and brings a sun hat and a filled water bottle.



Sports Day

This has been a very difficult decision and not one we have taken lightly or rushed. Over the last 72 hours, we have carefully considered all available information before reaching a final decision.

The latest DfE guidance states that children should not take part in vigorous physical activity on very hot days and that schools should adapt activities where more sedentary options are more appropriate.

While Keighley Cougars does have stands that would provide brief periods of shelter, the children would still need to spend extended periods on the pitch in direct sun in order to take part. There were ten planned events, in addition to the long-distance running races, and the forecast during the event window is for temperatures to rise through the afternoon to around 31°C.

We also have to take into account the age range of the children involved, from Nursery through to Year 6, and the nature of the activities they would be undertaking. After contact with Keighley Cougars and the completion of our risk assessment, it is with regret that we have had to cancel Sports Day for this year in agreement with Cougars.

We know this will be disappointing for children, families and staff, as it is an event we were all very much looking forward to. However, our priority must always be to safeguard the children and staff in our care. Given the forecast temperatures, the amber heat warning and the guidance available to us, we have no responsible alternative but to act in the interests of everyone's safety and wellbeing.

We appreciate that this decision will be disappointing for families, and we thank you in advance for your support and understanding. In this situation, the needs, health and safety of the children must come first.

We have already begun discussions with Keighley Cougars about rearranging Sports Day for the start of the next academic year in the autumn term. We will share further details with families as soon as arrangements have been confirmed.

School will remain open as normal, and we will continue to make sensible adjustments across the week to keep children safe, including encouraging regular drinks, limiting time in direct sunlight and making use of shaded or indoor spaces where appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr A Robinson
Headteacher

