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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to outline how we are responding to the current extreme weather conditions.

During periods of extreme weather, schools have clear obligations. Our priority is to remain open to as many pupils as possible, for as long as possible, provided it is safe to do so. I am aware that some schools have adjusted their opening and closing times; however, this is one of those occasions where each individual school must make its own decisions, based on their specific buildings, facilities, and circumstances.

At Ibstock Junior School, we have implemented the following measures to mitigate risks and support the wellbeing of pupils and staff:

- Relaxing the uniform requirements for the week, allowing children to wear cooler clothing, including shorts
- Advising children to always have their water bottles with them to maintain hydration
- Providing regular reminders to children throughout the day about the importance of staying hydrated
- Opening the hall at lunchtime, with plenty of additional water available for children
- Asking children to wear sun hats and stay in shaded areas whenever possible
- Adapting the curriculum, giving teachers flexibility to make decisions that best support their classes in the heat
- Timetabling all pupils to spend some time in an air-conditioned area of the school (although these spaces are limited)
- Cancelling the school fair scheduled for this week — a decision we were very sorry to make, but felt was necessary in the circumstances
- Ensuring that vigorous physical activities, such as PE, are not scheduled during the hottest parts of the day
- Delivering water safety assemblies in classes on Friday morning



- Carrying out regular monitoring by senior leaders of all rooms to check on the welfare of both pupils and staff

We will continue to review the situation carefully, seeking additional advice and take any further action required to ensure everyone remains safe and comfortable.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Thank you also to the staff and pupils who have maintained a positive attitude at what is a challenging time for everyone.

Yours sincerely,  
Phil Lewin  
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