



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know, there has been a severe Weather Warning issued for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, where temperatures could reach 40 degrees.

While we have mostly air conditioned rooms in years 1 to 6, we are conscious of the journeys to and from school, at peak times, also pose a risk for you and your children. Particularly if they or you have a health condition that may be aggravated by the extreme heat.

In response, on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th and Friday 26th:

- **Attendance** will be **optional** – if you feel that attending may cause you undue risk, we will authorise the absence. If you are keeping your child at home please follow the usual rules - call the absence line before 8.30am (0208 889 8421, option 1, leave a voicemail) or send an e mail before 8.30am to: admin@st-johnvianney.haringey.sch.uk
- If your child does attend, **optionally you can pick them up between 1:30pm to 1:45pm** from the normal gate. A Google document will follow this letter, please complete it if you intend to collect your child between 1.30pm and 1.45pm.

Please be advised also that:

- All class trips have been cancelled this week
- All after school clubs have been cancelled this week

NB: as weather conditions may change, we will keep all of this under review and advise each day about any changes if necessary.

Measures within school, for those that attend, for your information:

- Children may wear **PE kit or loose, light-coloured clothing** instead of full school uniform.
- Outdoor activities will be reduced, adapted or moved to shaded areas.
- Children will not take part in vigorous physical activity if temperatures are very high.
- Staff will encourage children to drink water regularly throughout the day.
- Classrooms will be kept as cool as possible using ventilation, blinds and air conditioning where available.
- We will monitor children closely for signs of heat-related illness, especially those who may be more vulnerable.
- Break times, lunchtimes or the school day may be adjusted if needed.

To help your child prepare, please ensure they come to school with:

- A **filled water bottle**.
- A **sun hat**, ideally with a wide brim.
- **Sun cream applied before school**.
- PE kit or **Loose, light clothing** rather than school uniform
- Comfortable shoes (with toes enclosed) suitable for warm weather.

Please also remind your child to drink plenty of water, stay in the shade where possible and tell an adult straight away if they feel dizzy, sick, unusually tired or have a headache.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the children safe during the hot weather.

Yours sincerely,
Mr. S. McNicholas
Exc. Headteacher