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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcement that the heatwave is expected to continue past the weekend and from looking at the weather forecast temperatures are predicted to be 35 degrees+ on Monday and Tuesday, I am writing to explain the steps we will take in school to reduce the risks to children associated with hot weather. The guidance we have received states the following....

During periods of high temperature, the following steps should be taken:

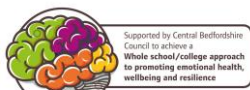
- open windows as early as possible in the morning before children arrive, or preferably overnight to allow stored heat to escape from the building - it is important to check insurance conditions and the need for security if windows are to be left open overnight
- almost close windows when the outdoor air becomes warmer than the air indoors - this should help keep the heat out while allowing adequate ventilation
- use outdoor sun awnings if available, or close indoor blinds or curtains, but do not let them block window ventilation
- if possible, use those classrooms or other spaces which are less likely to overheat, and adjust the layout of teaching spaces to avoid direct sunlight on children
- oscillating mechanical fans can be used to increase air movement if temperatures are below 35°C - at temperatures above 35°C fans may not prevent heat-related illness and may worsen dehydration
- if necessary, consider rearranging school start, finish, and play times to avoid teaching during very hot conditions encourage children to eat normally and drink plenty of cool water

Parents please ensure

- children bring a water bottle to school
- Sun cream is applied at home before school



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- Children wear the summer school uniform and worn loosely or other clothing they feel comfortable in. eg thin shirts and shorts.

Staff will

- Remind children to drink throughout the day and will encourage them to fill their water bottle up when required.
- Remind children to keep cool by sitting quietly doing low key activities.
- Follow the above guidance for keeping children as cool as possible.
- Have a mist spray in their classroom for children to mist spray themselves with cool water on their heads, arms and chest areas to keep them cool.
- Staff will use air coolers to increase air movement in classrooms.

Important Information

If the temperatures rise significantly (33 degrees+) parents have the option to collect their children from lunchtime if they feel temperatures are too high and they feel their children will more comfortable and safer at home. This absence will be authorised.

After School Club will be closed on Monday and Tuesday due to the high temperatures, and again on the last day of term, due to staff shortages.

Open Afternoon - Monday 18th July, 2.30pm - **cancelled**

This has been cancelled due to the high temperatures expected on Monday. If any parent has a question or query about their Annual School Report please email the school office on info@stanbridge.beds.sch.uk and the office staff will forward this to your class teacher who will respond accordingly.

Year 4 Leaver's Assembly - Wednesday 20th July at 9.30am

We would like to invite you to the Year 4 Leaver's Assembly on Wednesday 20th July at 9.30am in the school hall. The children will be busy rehearsing for this across the next couple of weeks and are really looking forward to you joining them.

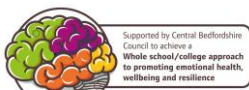
Whole School End of Term Music Concert and Vintage Lunch for Children in School

On the afternoon of the 20th July the children will be taking part in a concert where Fiona Harris will be performing songs from the wartime era. We are hoping our school meals company will supply the children with a vintage lunch on this day and we are waiting for confirmation about this.

Yours sincerely

Miss R J Godwin
Head Teacher

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Diary Dates: These will be included on the school calendar on the website. Teachers are currently planning school trips for their classes and other curriculum events will also be organised and as the teachers plan their topics for the term. You will be notified of these accordingly.

6/7 th July	Year 4 Transfer Day
14 th July	Children visit new classes for next year
14 th July	Reports sent home
14 th July	Tennis Festival Year 3/4 - Miss Waller to advise
18 th July	Open Afternoon and informal parent consultations
20 th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly

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