



Friday 15 July 2022

Dear Parents/carers

I thought I would update you on what Greenway will be doing to support staff and children next week during the extreme heat that we know is coming Sunday. Today a red extreme heat warning has now been issued. The Department of Education has not given permission to close schools. Weather reports do fluctuate but it would seem that it is highly likely that temperatures could rise to as much as 40 degrees on Monday and Tuesday.

**We have taken the difficult decision to close Waccy on Monday 18 July and Tuesday 19 July.** Waccy will reopen on Wednesday 20 July as long as the extreme weather has passed. If you'd like a credit for any of these missed sessions then please email [mandy.clutson@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mandy.clutson@greenway.herts.sch.uk). I am sure that you will appreciate that your children will have been in school all day and to continue this until 6pm in this extreme heat would not be advisable.

### **Can you help?**

Greenway does not have any air conditioning and even with blinds down and windows and doors open, the temperature in the classrooms is extremely high. If you have any standing fans that you could bring into your child's classroom on Monday we would really appreciate this. Please can you ensure that the fan is named and this can be taken home if required Monday evening and then bought back into school for Tuesday. If you could let your class rep know if you do have a fan and they can liaise with the class teachers. We need to manage how many fans are coming into school!

### **For next week children will need to:**

- Be wearing suncream which will have been applied at home
- Be wearing a sun hat
- Have a labelled water bottle (which will be refilled regularly)

### **Non-uniform**

We are also asking that if children want to, they can come to school in non-uniform for Monday and Tuesday, as their summer clothes may well be cooler than school uniform, hopefully cotton or linen! Please can I remind you that children should not be wearing crop tops, or really short shorts. It still needs to be sensible clothing and footwear (children can wear sandals with ankle straps, no sliders or flip flops).

### **Early collection**

Nursery through to Year 5 - if parents would like to collect their child/ren early on Monday/Tuesday then they can collect them at 1pm from the school office. Yr 6 will remain in school as they are finalising their production ready for Wednesday evening!

On Monday and Tuesday children will not be participating in PE lessons and break and lunchtimes will be carefully planned so the children are not in the direct sun.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Regards

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Headteacher