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Dear Parents/Carers

Following careful consideration of the latest weather forecasts and official guidance, I have made the difficult decision to postpone Thursday's Sports Day.

The UK Health Security Agency has issued an Amber Extreme Heat Warning for our area and current forecasts indicate that temperatures are expected to rise even further as the week progresses. After conducting a risk assessment, I do not believe it would be appropriate or safe for children to participate in prolonged physical activity outdoors under these conditions.

Whilst I appreciate that this news will be disappointing for our children, families and staff, the health, safety and wellbeing of everyone involved must remain my priority. This includes not only the children taking part, but also the staff and family members who would be spending prolonged periods of time outside in direct sunlight.

At this stage of the academic year, with a very busy school calendar and numerous end-of-year commitments already planned, the only alternative available is Friday 3rd July. I understand this will be disappointing, particularly given the effort that children have put into preparing for these events, but I hope parents will appreciate that these decisions have been made solely with the welfare of our school community in mind.

- Thursday 25th June – Sports day postponed due to heatwave. (The kitchen is not able to take any more bookings for school dinners this day. If you have already booked a school meal for Thursday 25th June, your child will still receive a packed lunch)
- New sports day date – Friday 3rd July (same timetable as before)
- If you would like a school packed lunch for the new sports day - Friday 3rd July - this must be booked before Thursday 25th June 12pm.

Looking ahead, I have already taken steps to reduce the likelihood of this situation occurring in future years by moving Sports Day into Term 5, when temperatures are typically more moderate and conditions are generally more suitable for outdoor sporting events.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Mrs S Heather

Headteacher



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