



Halam Church of England Primary School

Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the weather this week is going to be extremely warm, and whilst we all enjoy the sunshine we do need to take care in heatwaves. School will remain open, but we are following the Government guidance on "Looking after children and those in Early Years settings during heatwaves", and I have outlined below the measures we are putting in place to keep your children safe:

- Please send your child to school in their summer school uniform (polo shirt with shorts/skirt or a summer dress) or their PE kit (navy shorts and white t-shirt) to keep them cool.
- Children may wear sandals to school, but they must wear socks too.
- Please make sure that your child wears a sunhat to school.
- Please apply suncream to your child before walking to school, and feel free to send a labelled bottle which we will help them reapply before walking home.
- Please make sure that your child has a water bottle every day, if parents and carers feel that their child is more likely to drink squash than water then please feel free to put squash in their bottle (but no fizzy drinks thank you).
- The children will be inside or in the shade for playtimes and the lunchbreak.
- PE lessons and KS2 sports club will take place inside and will be adapted for the heat.
- We will be following DfE guidance on the opening of windows, and the use of fans and electrical equipment.
- We will be keeping a close eye on all of the children, and if we are concerned about any child we will contact their parents and carers immediately.

The Minster School have contacted us to let us know that the transition event for Y6 planned for Wednesday afternoon will be cancelled as that was due to take place outside on their sports fields where there is very limited shade.

At the moment our planned visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Thursday will go ahead, as the park will be open. If this changes in any way we will contact you immediately.

On Thursday, please make sure your child has a sunhat and a water bottle with them as well as their lunch. We will be travelling to the park in an air-conditioned coach. I carried out the pre-visit during the warm weather in half term and there are shaded areas and facilities for us to use. The education entrance is at the far end of the park, meaning we come in near the more shaded enclosures (such as the lemurs and wallabies). There is a large shaded area reserved for school parties to use at lunchtime, and we will take great care to make good use of the more sheltered areas in the park (such as the forest walk or the inside/undercover areas) rather than spend long periods of time walking around in the sunshine (this may mean we do not visit all areas of the park).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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