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Dear Parent/Carer

Three years ago, we held lengthy discussions with our Student Council regarding the wearing of school uniform during a heatwave.

As we have had at least one 'heatwave' every year during the last 3 years during our last term in school, we felt it was important to have a standardised approach to school uniform during these times. There are several definitions of heatwave, but we are classifying 'heatwave' as "25 degrees or more for a period of at least 3 days".

We discussed possibly introducing a 'summer school uniform' that many primary schools have but decided that the cost to parents was simply too high to justify for a short period of time when the weather is too hot for our current uniform, especially after researching the costs.

All the School Council reps unanimously voted to wear the school's PE kit during these heatwave conditions if they wished to do so. During these conditions, please ensure your child(ren) has/have a water bottle to bring to school and has suitable high factor sun cream applied before they leave for school.

Therefore, next week – **Monday 22 to Friday 26 June 2026** pupils will be allowed to wear their PE kits to school if they would like to. Each time heatwave conditions occur the school will notify you if the weather forecast indicates it. This notification will be very clear in stating the **start** and **end** dates that wearing the school PE kit, instead of our usual uniform, will be permitted.

During these times, **it is vitally important that all pupils only wear the designated school PE kit**, as pupils who decide not to follow this instruction will have this choice removed. Pupils will, of course, be able to come into school in their usual uniform should they wish to, but part PE kit and part uniform will not be allowed, it is one or the other.

We hope you agree that this is a sensible move, which provides clarity for our whole school community when we have these periods of extremely hot weather.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher