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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hot Weather Arrangements This Week

As you will have seen, we are expecting some very warm weather this week. While it is lovely for the children to be able to enjoy some sunshine, we also want to make sure everyone stays safe, comfortable and able to enjoy school as normally as possible. With that in mind, we are making a few changes for the week ahead.

For this week, all pupils may come to school in their **PE kit every day**. This means children can wear something cooler and more comfortable, while still wearing clothing that is suitable for a busy school day. Please make sure that clothing is loose, cool and in line with our PE uniform policy.

As Sports Day is also taking place this week, children may wear their **plain house-colour t-shirt** instead of their usual PE t-shirt throughout the week if they wish. We just ask that this is plain and appropriate for school. Children should wear their house colour t-shirt on sports day as normal.

To help children manage the heat throughout the week, please make sure your child comes to school with:

- a named water bottle (this could be frozen the night before to stay cool throughout the day)
- a spare drink if possible
- sun cream applied before school, ideally a long-lasting/24-hour sun cream
- a sun hat, particularly on Sports Day
- suitable trainers so they can move around safely and comfortably

Please no football kits, strappy tops, sandals or clothing that are not suitable for PE uniform. If your child needs to reapply sun cream during the day, please send it in named and make sure they are able to apply it independently. Children will be reminded not to apply suncream to anyone else; only children that bring suncream may apply it to themselves.

In school, we will also be making some adjustments to help keep the children as cool and comfortable as we can. These will include regular water breaks, using shaded areas where possible, keeping classrooms as cool as we can, and reducing strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest parts of the day.

At lunchtime, children will eat inside/shaded areas. We will also limit lunchtime play to around 30 minutes outside, depending on the temperature each day. We will make this decision day by day and, of course, will bring children inside sooner if we feel this is the safest thing to do.

We will continue to review throughout the week and make any changes we think are necessary to ensure children are safe.

Sports Day

Sports Day will still go ahead in the morning, with the aim of finishing by **11:00am**, before the sun is at its strongest. We will keep things moving, make sure children have regular access to water, and use shade where we can.

As the children will be sitting outside for Sports Day, please make sure they have sun cream applied before school, a hat and a water bottle with them on the day. These small things really do make a big difference.

Please see the letter for all the information regarding sports day - <https://www.priory-jun.notts.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=328&type=pdf>

Thank you, as always, for your support. The children are very excited for the week ahead, especially Sports Day, and these changes should help everyone enjoy it safely and comfortably.

Kind regards,

Mr Cross