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Dear Shacklewell families,

re: Hot Weather - Amendments to School Hours

I am writing to inform you of some temporary, yet essential, changes to our school schedule for the remainder of this week. As you are likely aware, a Red Weather Warning for extreme heat has been issued.

Our absolute priority is the health, safety and well-being of our children, families and staff. Due to the forecasted unprecedented temperatures, we have taken the decision to compress the school day to ensure everyone is safely out of the peak afternoon heat.

From Tuesday 23rd June to Friday 26th June, our amended hours will be as follows:

- 7.50am: school gates will open for families.
- 8.00am: the school day will officially begin. (Please ensure children arrive promptly to maximize cooler morning learning time).
- 12.55pm: school gates will reopen for collection.
- 1.00pm: the school day will end.
- Nursery and 2YO day will run from 8.30am - 11.30am with the children who are currently full time being served lunch and collected no later than 1.00pm. There will be no afternoon session in these provisions.
- All clubs and wrap around care are cancelled- details of refunds will be communicated with you in due course.

Lunch and Logistics

- School Meals: All children will still receive their lunch in school before dismissal at 1.00pm.
- Cancellations: Regrettably, all school trips and events for this week are cancelled. We are incredibly disappointed to have to call these off and we will do our absolute best to reschedule them once the weather breaks.

On-Site Safety Measures

To keep the children cool and comfortable during their hours with us, we have implemented the following measures across the school:

- Limited Time Outside: We will strictly limit any time spent outdoors, keeping children inside ventilated spaces as much as possible during the heat of the day.

- Water Stations: Dedicated water stations have been set up around the school building so children can easily and frequently refill their bottles.

How You Can Help

To help us keep your children comfortable during these shorter morning sessions, please ensure they:

- Come to school wearing loose, light-coloured clothing. We are relaxing the school's uniform code for the remainder of this week. The children do not need to wear their school uniform and should be dressed to allow them to feel comfortable in the heat.
- Have a refillable water bottle packed.
- Have high-factor sun cream applied before arriving at school.
- Bring a sun hat for any brief periods outdoors.

We intend to return to our normal school hours on Monday 29th June, assuming the weather warning has been lifted. We will share further information about next week shortly.

If this situation changes or decisions are made at a local or national level that require us to alter our school based planning, we will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding, flexibility and cooperation as we navigate these extreme conditions together. Please stay safe and keep cool.

Kind regards,



Rory McGrath
Headteacher