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Dear Parents / Carers,

### Re: Hot Weather Next Week

As you may be aware, there has been a weather alert from the Met Office as we are expecting very high temperatures early next week. We would like to ensure your child is well protected from the heat whilst at school and give you advance warning of any measures we may need to take during this time.

Firstly, we have decided to go ahead with the trip to Thorpe Park on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July for Years 9 and Year 10. Today, Year 9 and Year 10 students have had an assembly on keeping safe in the warm weather as specified below. We have also seen advice on the website for Thorpe Park with tips for keeping cool. You may access that by clicking here: <https://www.thorpepark.com/blog/keep-your-cool/>. For those students who have paid and have a confirmed place, the meeting time is 7:30am and the coaches will leave at 8:00am promptly. The Thorpe Park trip letter can be found here: [Thorpe Park Trip Letter](#)

We will monitor the status of staff and students during the course of the day on Monday but please be aware that we will close the school early. We cannot specify the exact time at this stage but we anticipate that we will be sending students home around 1:00pm. We ask that you keep an eye on an announcement on our website, emails and the SIMS parent app. If this will pose a problem for your child, please contact the school and speak to your child's relevant form tutor, Head of Year or the reception team.

#### Before School:

- Parents are encouraged to ensure students apply sunscreen before they come to school, and to bring this with them in order to re-apply it when necessary.
- It is essential that your child brings a bottle of water to school, which can be re-filled during the day as needed.
- We have told students that they may attend school in their lightest PE kit garments for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Normal school uniform should be worn from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July as the weather is expected to return to more usual summer temperatures.
- Where students are wearing the normal school uniform, they will have permission to remove their blazer and undo their top buttons to keep cool. It is advisable not to wear the school jumper.
- Students may also bring a sun hat which covers their head, neck and ears for their PE Lessons. Baseball caps are not usually permitted because they do not shield the neck, ears or face.

#### During School:

- We will encourage the students to stay in the shade during the break and lunch times and the hall will also be available to students. Some classrooms may be open to allow a small number of students to remain where it may be cooler than the outside temperature. Please note however, that our classrooms are not air-conditioned.





- Students will be encouraged to have their water bottles in the classroom and to drink at regular intervals. There are water fountains in school where students can re-fill bottles at break, lunch or between lessons. Students will not be permitted to leave during a lesson to get water unless there is a medical reason.
- PE classes will, as far as possible take place in shaded areas or inside spaces. Students will be reminded to wear their sunhats and have water bottles with them. If the heat is excessive, alternative activities will be arranged for your child in a classroom space. Students will be limited to activities that do not demand extreme physical exertion.

We will still have the highest expectations of our students during the hot weather. Students are expected to behave calmly and sensibly as they would normally, both inside and outside the building, and when travelling to and from school.

Should you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office via the telephone or the [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk) email address.

Yours sincerely

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