

Friday 15th July 2022

Extreme Heat: INA Primary

Dear parents/carers,

The weather forecast for Monday and Tuesday next week is suggesting extreme heat conditions. In line with updated guidance from DfE, Ark and Redbridge and considering the building and limited shaded areas outside, we have decided on the arrangements below for INA Primary. The school will remain open for all pupils; however you have a choice to do one of the following:

- 1) You can keep your child at home on Monday and Tuesday and this will be authorised.
- 2) Your child can come to school, have lunch and then you can collect them at 1:45pm.
- 3) Your child can come to school for the whole day, and you can collect them at their usual finish time.

As a school we will need to know which choice you select for each day, so please can you complete the MS Forms below by Monday morning at 8:15am.

Attendance form for Monday 18th July - <https://forms.office.com/r/MJA5e0HfmH>

Attendance form for Tuesday 19th July – <https://forms.office.com/r/sGiNYAMwfi>

The weather forecast is due to be cooler on Wednesday, so at present children should attend school as planned. As this is the last day of term, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will finish at 12:10pm. Reception, Year 1 and 2 will finish at 12:20pm.

To support students in the hot weather we are putting the following plans in place:

- Where temperatures are in excess of 30°C, children will not be taking part in vigorous physical activity.
- Children will not spend the entire lunchtime playing outdoors. In extreme heat, they will not go outside at all. They will have an indoor activity when they return to their classrooms.
- Windows and other ventilation openings will be opened during the cool of early morning before children arrive at school.
- Electric lighting will be switched off where possible.
- All electrical equipment, including computers, will be switched off when not in use.
- Oscillating mechanical fans will be used to increase air movement.
- We will encourage children to eat normally and drink plenty of cool water.
- Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle into school (Years 1 to 6), which will be ‘topped up’ when necessary. Reception will be provided with water as usual, regularly throughout the day.
- Please ensure that your child has a hat to wear when outdoors and sunscreen applied before coming to school.

Lastly, thank you in advance for your support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Broadway
Primary Principal