



BJS Federation of Schools

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Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Dear Families,

As you will be aware, high temperatures are forecast across the week. We understand that many families may have concerns about the impact of the heat on children whilst they are at school.

Following careful consideration and ongoing risk assessments, we would like to reassure families that all schools within the BJS Federation will remain open as normal this week. The safety, wellbeing and comfort of our children and staff remains our highest priority, and we have put a number of measures in place to ensure that children remain safe, comfortable and well-hydrated throughout the school day.

Whilst we will continue to review conditions carefully, we believe it is important for children to maintain their routines, continue their learning and benefit from the stability, care and support that school provides. School is a safe place for children, as we are able to closely monitor their wellbeing, provide regular access to drinking water, ensure they remain in shaded or cooler environments where necessary, and adapt the school day in response to changing conditions. For these reasons, we believe that remaining open, alongside the additional measures outlined below, is in the best interests of our children.

The measures we are implementing include:

- Fans are available to help improve air circulation and maintain a more comfortable environment for children and staff throughout the day.
- Regular water breaks throughout the day.
- Encouraging all children to drink water frequently.
- Additional opportunities for children to refill water bottles.
- Increased use of shaded areas during playtimes and outdoor activities.
- Gazebos and temporary shade structures where appropriate.
- Adjustments to outdoor activities to reduce physical exertion during the hottest parts of the day.
- Increased access to indoor, cooler learning environments where possible.
- Monitoring children closely for signs of heat-related discomfort or illness.
- Ensuring children have opportunities to rest and cool down as required.
- Reviewing plans for any outdoor events and adapting them where necessary.

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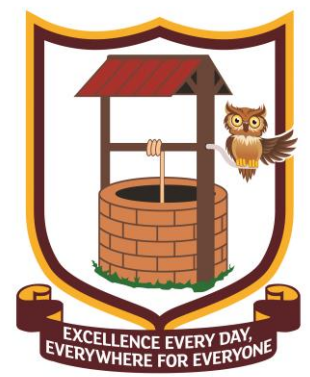
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In addition to these measures, where required, we will temporarily adapt or suspend elements of the planned curriculum and come off timetable to prioritise children's safety, comfort and wellbeing. This may include increasing time spent in cooler indoor environments, providing additional hydration and rest opportunities, and reducing activities that require sustained physical exertion. Staff will use their professional judgement to ensure that learning continues in ways that are appropriate to the conditions whilst keeping children safe.

We ask that all children come to school each day with:

- A named water bottle.
- A sun hat or cap.
- Sun cream applied before arriving at school.
- Appropriate clothing for warm weather.

Our staff will continue to monitor the weather conditions closely and undertake daily risk assessments. Should circumstances change significantly, we will communicate any updates to families as soon as possible.

We appreciate that some families may have particular concerns regarding the impact of the hot weather on their child, especially where there are underlying health conditions or individual circumstances that may make them more vulnerable to the heat. Whilst we are confident that the measures we have put in place will enable children to attend school safely, If you feel that it would be in your child's best interests to remain at home tomorrow, please notify the school in the usual way.

Schools across the BJS Federation will remain open as normal and staff will continue to provide a safe, supportive and well-supervised environment for all children who attend.

Whilst the temperatures are expected to be unusually high, we are confident that the measures outlined above will enable children to continue learning safely whilst remaining comfortable and hydrated throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Regards,
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