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Dear Houlton family

Red Weather Warning: Danger to Life – Arrangements for w/b 18 July 2022

You will be aware that the Meteorological Office has issued a [Red Weather Warning](#) and the UK Government has declared a state of national emergency with temperatures in Warwickshire potentially exceeding 40C on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 July 2022.

Having consulted with other local schools about their arrangements, **the Transforming Lives Educational Trust's schools have decided to offer parents and carers flexibility over whether children attend school in person on Monday and Tuesday only.**

As temperatures are forecast to return to seasonal averages, **all pupils will be expected in school on Wednesday 20 July 2022.** Remote learning will not be available on this day.

We will be fully open to pupils and given our buildings' climate management systems, **many pupils will likely be cooler at school than at home.** However, we do understand that a large number of our pupils travel on public transport, and some from longer distances, so want to give parents/carers the choice over whether children are in school or at home as you know your children best.

If your child will be staying at home, please email hello@houltonschool.org.uk confirming this, or call the absence line as usual before 8.30am if possible. Pupils staying home will have work set on Google Classroom and should complete this from home. **Under no circumstances should pupils be in local parks or public spaces** if they are not in school.

Some **further changes** as a result of the red weather warning:

- Pupils' lessons have been rescheduled into rooms (e.g. computer rooms) that are equipped with full air conditioning wherever possible on Monday and Tuesday. Classes have been moved out of rooms on the top floor of buildings or in full sun depending on the time of day. The building management systems have been manually adjusted to ensure full air flow capacity at all times, which is cooled air in some areas.
- **PE lessons** have been rearranged so that they **do not include vigorous physical activity.**
- The **Summer Extravaganza performances** have been moved to Wednesday afternoon when the weather is more temperate.

- The **Summer Soirée has had to be cancelled** to keep everyone safe, so will not go ahead tomorrow evening. We know that pupils are very excited about this celebration of our first year together as founding pupils and staff. Please rest assured that **this event will be rescheduled and will take place in early September** instead – so keep hold of those dresses and party shoes – it will go ahead. The event will be reserved for Year 8 pupils only. All tickets purchased are transferrable to the rescheduled event.
- An ice-cream van will attend site on Monday during the day – **all pupils will be entitled to an ice cream courtesy of Friends of Houlton School** (free of charge to pupils) if they are in school on this day.
- Previously communicated **relaxations to School Uniform expectations remain in place** including the option to wear PE kit – a copy of this letter is available on the website under the 'Parents' tab.

We hope that you will feel reassured that the choice over whether your child attends school in person on Monday and Tuesday now sits with you and any absence for this reason will be authorised. If you have any further queries or questions, please email hello@houltonschool.org.uk

Yours faithfully



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