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Dear Parent/Guardian

Met Office Red Weather Warning

I am writing to you regarding Monday and Tuesday and the unprecedented temperatures that are being forecast. Currently there is a Met Office Red Weather Warning for extreme heat on Monday and Tuesday. The advice that goes with this warning is below.

An exceptional hot spell on Monday and Tuesday leading to widespread impacts on people and infrastructure.

What to expect:

- **Population-wide adverse health effects experienced, not limited to those most vulnerable to extreme heat, leading to serious illness or danger to life. Government advice is that 999 services should be used in emergencies only; seek advice from 111 if you need non-emergency health advice.**
- **Substantial changes in working practices and daily routines will be required**
- **High risk of failure of heat-sensitive systems and equipment, potentially leading to localised loss of power and other essential services, such as water or mobile phone services.**

These temperatures present huge challenges for schools. Our buildings do not cope well with the heat and the classrooms become impossibly warm especially given the higher night-time temperatures that are being predicted. I have met with the other leaders in the Trust to discuss our solutions and we all agree that Monday and Tuesday, if the forecast temperatures become a reality, present a genuine safety risk to our students and staff.

Therefore, the school will be closed for face-to-face learning on Monday and Tuesday and will revert to virtual learning using Google Classroom and Google Meets.

All Google Classroom codes will be posted on Bromcom by classroom teachers ready for Monday. The day will begin with tutor time and staff will be online to check in on students and outline the plan for the day. The rest of the day will follow a normal timetable although lessons will be around 50 minutes to give students some time away from screens and the chance to get refreshments etc. It is anticipated that all lessons will begin with face-to-face learning although there may be some time away from screens in each lesson whilst student's complete tasks.

This has not been an easy decision but I along with the other leaders in the Trust and in the school feel the weather early next week presents a genuine risk to the wellbeing and safety of our community and as such we must ensure that we try to provide a solution that both maintains the education of our students and protects the health of all our staff and students.

The school will be back open for face-to-face learning on Wednesday for our last day of term. We will finish at 12.30pm on this day.

Yours sincerely

Andy Hartley
Headteacher