

Sunday 17 July 2021

Dear parent/carers

Re: Red Weather Warning due to Extreme Heat – 18 and 19 July 2022

I am writing to provide you with details of our plans for Monday 18 July and Tuesday 19 July 2022, in response to the national Red Weather Warning for extreme heat.

The Academy will remain open in line with government guidance
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/heat-health-advice-issued-for-all-regions-of-england>

We will also implement the measures detailed in this guidance including:

- Ensuring appropriate ventilation
- Moving lessons to cooler areas, if possible, when required
- Providing indoor and shaded spaces during breaks and lunch times
- Adapting our PE curriculum
- Adapting our uniform and staff dress expectations. I have included the uniform information we sent out last week, later in this letter.
- Providing additional 'Hydration Stations' to allow students to fill up water bottles.

Please ensure students bring a refillable water bottle to the Academy next week. To ensure that lessons are as productive as possible I would be grateful if you could remind your child that they should only fill up bottles before the start of the day, between lessons and at break and lunch time. We will inform students of the addition 'Hydration Stations' during coaching time tomorrow. Cold drinks and ice lollies will also be available to buy in our café.

We will maintain our exceedingly high standards of behaviour during this unique period. Please remind your child that it is unacceptable to throw water at other students whilst on the Academy site. We will utilise our normal sanction system if students partake in this negative behaviour.

As we informed you last week, we will temporarily allow students to attend the Academy in their full Dukeries PE kit. Please ensure that students adhere to the PE uniform policy found on our website. This must include the navy A-Game PE top with Academy logo, plain navy shorts, leggings or track suit bottoms and trainers. If students are awaiting an order from our supplier, then a plain navy or white t-shirt is acceptable. Students will not be permitted to wear their own branded sports attire/non-uniform. This will result in students being sent home to change into the correct uniform.

Students are also free to wear their normal Academy uniform (minus tie and blazer) if they do not wish to wear their PE kit. The expectations for uniform remain the same if not wearing the correct PE kit, so trainers will not be permitted with normal school uniform. They should only be worn along with the PE kit.

Unless informed otherwise, normal uniform policy will resume from Wednesday 20 July 2022.

Further, I would also advise that you provide your child with sunscreen.

I will keep the situation under review during the day tomorrow and update you if we require to make further adaptations.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ged Rae', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ged Rae
Principal