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HOT WEATHER LETTER 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so far for your support and understanding in relation to the hot weather we are experiencing this week.

Schools are more frequently being questioned about opening/closure at times of unusual weathers and unfortunately much of this is often driven by Social Media. For example, at the end of May we experienced almost identical conditions, four days exceeding 27 degrees with two days at 33 degrees. During this period, we received no requests from parents in relation to the high temperatures.

As a school we are doing what we can to ensure that we stay open which is in line with government directives and at the same time making sure children are as comfortable as possible. This is the same as the vast majority of schools despite the news of school closures.

In the morning, we are ventilating the school as much as possible and, again in line with guidance ensuring all blinds are down. Fans have also been placed in classrooms where practical and possible. After the children are in school, we are then reducing the heat entering the school by keeping doors closed. The old Victorian building then remains cooler than the outside temperature.

In addition to this we, are allowing children access to drinks throughout the day and directing the children to shaded areas at break time whilst removing as many physical activities as possible. Children do not have to go outside if they do not want to – many children chose to stay in our library yesterday rather than go outside.

Our uniform expectations promote 'summer suitable' clothes for school. Summer dresses are designed for summer weather and 'school uniform shorts' (boys or girls) and a white shirt are also the expectations and offer the same degree of comfort as PE kit.

Again, we thank parents for supporting and trusting our decisions.

As expressed in the first letter, we explained we would review the Sports Day situation. On Sunday, the forecast for Friday was a high temperature of 24 degrees. Unfortunately, that has now changed to 31 degrees. As a result, we have made the decision to postpone our sports day. Our issue now is that we are limited as to when we can rearrange the sports day due to class trips and visits and also any more hot weather.

Therefore, we have decided that we will hold sports day before the end of term but will need to make the decision 48hrs beforehand. This way we can be sure the weather on a day that is possible throughout school is suitable. We understand that this will not suit all parents, especially those who have made arrangements for this Friday. On the replanned Sports Day, any parents able to attend will be invited as normal.

Regards Pelsall Village School