

Hele's School

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Saturday, 9 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are enjoying the glorious sunshine this weekend – I'm certainly taking the opportunity to get in the garden and do some of those long-overdue jobs!

With temperatures well into the 20s forecast for the coming week, we need to consider uniform and ensure that our young people are safe and comfortable but still smart and ready for learning. We would like for students to remain presentable so shirts must be tucked in please, but blazers and jumpers DO NOT need to be worn to school this week. Ties DO need to be worn as they ensure Hele's students are easily recognisable both in school and on the journey to and from school, but they may be loosened and the top button of shirts left undone. A reminder too that short sleeved school shirts ARE acceptable.

As an additional safeguard, 'appropriate' sun hats and sunglasses CAN be worn whilst out in direct sunlight at Break 1 and Break 2, but NOT whilst in the school building, during lessons or whilst moving between lessons.

Students are encouraged to sip water regularly in lessons and it is advised that each student brings a full water bottle to school every day. These can then be re-filled throughout the day from our water dispensers. As a reminder, each year group zone has a designated water dispenser which is plumbed in to the mains and provides cold, filtered water. All water from sinks in every toilet area is also drinking water and may be used as an alternative if dispensers are busy.

So that lessons are not disrupted, it will still be the case that students WILL NOT be permitted to refill water bottles during lesson time, but instead they should use Break 1, Break 2 and before/after school for this task. Under no circumstances are students to pour water over themselves or anybody else – this will be punishable with an appropriate sanction!

Any student requiring sun cream protection, should, where possible, put it on at home before school. Students may bring sun cream into school to apply themselves, but they MUST NOT share it with others and must store it sensibly in their bag.

Medical conditions brought on by the sun, excessive heat and overexertion are a genuine concern at this time of year. The weather conditions will be monitored on a daily basis and further guidance may be made as appropriate.

A bonus is that ice poles/pops will be sold every day next week during breaktimes. This will not only provide a welcome relief from the heat, but it will raise money for our wonderful students who are planning an expedition to Kenya next year. Please encourage your child to bring a small amount of money to school next week so they can indulge themselves and contribute to the expedition team.

Whilst there is no prescribed maximum temperature for schools to operate, we will ensure rooms are ventilated each day, use of electrical appliances - including use of lights and PCs – will be kept to a minimum, and we will do our utmost to ensure working temperatures are as comfortable as possible.

Your support in these matters is much appreciated; let's all embrace the good weather safely.

Kindest regards,

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