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Dear Parents/Carers,

New hot weather arrangements for the School

Following the letter that you received yesterday explaining the adaptations to the School day in preparation for next week's heatwave, the Government has now issued a "Level 4" extreme heat warning and declared a national emergency. As such, we have taken further advice and are writing to confirm that the following **additional arrangements** will be in place on **Monday, 18 July** and **Tuesday 19 July only**:

- If you wish to do so, you may keep your child(ren) at home all day without penalty. There will be no remote learning arrangements in place. These days will be recorded as authorised due to the exceptional circumstances.
- The School will be open for those children who wish/need to attend but, as we have limited shade/cover in the playground and as some classrooms can get very hot, we would ask that, if possible, you collect your child(ren) at **12pm** from their usual classroom doors.
- Reception, Year 1 and 2 and any eligible Free School Meal pupils will still be provided with lunch by the School, and we will prepare a cold picnic for them to take home at 12pm. Please can you let us know by 9.30am on Monday, 18 July 2022 if you would like a picnic for your child(ren).
- If you are unable to collect at 12pm, please can you contact the front office (01992 574 890 / admin@coopersaletheydongarnon.essex.sch.uk) to confirm that you wish your child(ren) to remain in School until the usual closure time (3.15pm) so that we can make appropriate preparations. Please also confirm if you wish our kitchen to prepare a cold lunch for your child(ren) – we hope you understand that we are unable to accommodate hot dinners on these days.
- For those children who attend School, lessons will be taught as normal in the morning, but there will be no remote learning or additional work in the afternoon. We will combine classes/move children around as necessary to ensure that everyone is as comfortable as possible in the heat.
- There will be Shine Club in the morning sessions but, unfortunately, we are unable to offer Shine Club after the School day and all pupils will need to be collected at 3.15pm.

We appreciate that this is very short notice but trust you understand that we have been forced to make arrangements as quickly as possible in response to Government guidance. If anyone has any questions, please email the School office (admin@coopersaletheydongarnon.essex.sch.uk).

We are pleased to confirm that we have managed to rearrange all special end-of-term events that were scheduled for Monday and Tuesday in order that our children do not miss out and further details will be provided next week. We have also managed to arrange for both of our new teachers, Miss Falloon and Mrs Huke, to visit the School for the day on Wednesday to meet pupils/parents and take part in transition lessons.

We hope you manage to remain safe and comfortable in the hot weather and look forward to welcoming all pupils back to the School on Wednesday for the end of term celebrations.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Bateman (Headteacher) Mr J Goldsworthy (Chair of Governors)

