

# Alcester Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Increasing temperatures this week**

Good afternoon. As we head into a red weather warning over the next two days, I wanted to update you on the adjustments that are being made in school in order to keep the students as safe as possible. The school remains open, and student attendance has the highest priority, as ever. This advice has been circulated by Warwickshire local authority (**in bold**), and we aim to work towards this for the benefit of the students' health and well-being.

## **Immediate Actions**

### **Reduce heat exposure.**

- **Keep children and staff out of direct sunlight, particularly between 11am and 3pm.** Mr Moffatt has restricted outdoor PE opportunities for this week. We have plenty of shade at break times and we have opened various classrooms that have air conditioning or are much cooler in temperature for the students to use as needed. We have encouraged students to bring in hats for use at breaktimes, and for use whilst walking home and they can bring in sunscreen as needed. Many students have sunglasses, and we are absolutely permitting handheld fans to be used.
- **Use shaded areas wherever possible.**
- **Keep blinds and curtains closed in sun-facing rooms.**
- **Ventilate buildings early in the morning and close windows when outside temperatures exceed indoor temperatures.** Our site team and staff are facilitating this.
- **Move children out of certain classrooms to other cooler areas if necessary.** We are doing this where possible to make use of classrooms with air conditioning.

## **Hydration**

- **Encourage regular drinking of water throughout the day.** There are 4 water stations around school for students to use as needed. We have encouraged the students to bring a refillable water bottle to school.
- **Ensure pupils have continuous access to drinking water.**



### **Adapt the school day.**

- **Consider relaxing school uniform requirements.** Students are permitted to wear PE kit.
- **Encourage loose, light-coloured clothing and sun hats.**
- **Avoid or reduce vigorous PE, sports days, outdoor events, and strenuous physical activity.** We have ceased football games at breaktimes, and all sports events have been postponed this week.
- **Schedule outdoor activities during cooler parts of the day where possible. Cancel, if necessary, which is likely with the temperatures we are expecting.** We have postponed the Year 9 field trip to Bristol this week. Adaptations were made for the Year 7 carting experience today in light of the heat.
- Staff have been permitted to reduce the length of learning time in lessons this week.
- We are monitoring the temperatures in order to complete the final few exams for Year 10s this week.

### **Support vulnerable pupils and staff.**

Our first aiders, and general staff have a heightened awareness to those students with high level medical needs, those on medication and our neuro diverse community who might especially struggle with the increasing temperatures.

Finally, I'm sure you'll understand that I have also relaxed the staff dress code in order to support the team around the children this week, too.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please let me know. Thank you for your continued support this week.

Yours sincerely



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