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Dear Clevedon Families,

The warmer weather has certainly arrived, and with temperatures set to remain high into next week, we wanted to take a moment to outline how we can work together to help students stay safe, comfortable and focused throughout the school day.

While the sunshine is very welcome, we fully appreciate that the heat can be challenging, and we are committed to supporting students as best we can.

Keeping Cool and Staying Hydrated
The **most important** action students can take is to **bring a water bottle to school every day**. We have water-filling stations located across the site, and students should use break and lunchtime to refill their bottles so they remain hydrated throughout the day.

During periods of exceptionally hot weather, we will also provide **iced water** from our portable "Hydration Station". Regular drinking is essential, and we encourage all students to take responsibility for topping up their bottles and drinking frequently.

Seeking Shade and Cool Spaces
We are fortunate to have several shaded areas on site, and students should make good use of these during unstructured times:

- The trees on the field offer plenty of shade at lunchtime.
- Our marquees provide additional covered space for students to cool off.
- From next week, the **Discovery Centre** will be open at lunchtimes. With air conditioning, it offers a welcome break from the heat.

We will continue to monitor the temperature across the school and will adjust access to indoor spaces where needed.

Sun Protection
We strongly encourage students to **apply suncream before school** and to reapply as needed. Protecting skin from the sun is essential, particularly during extended periods outdoors.

Inside classrooms, staff will ensure rooms are as comfortable as possible. We will:

- Monitor classroom temperatures
- Keep windows open to maximise airflow
- Use fans where appropriate
- Re-room classes wherever possible to cooler spaces

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We know it isn't always easy, and we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we work to maintain a positive learning environment.

Uniform Expectations in Hot Weather
Further to my recent email regarding blazers, students will be able to **self-regulate** by removing them in class during lessons and unstructured times. They will still be required for assembly.

I am also pleased to confirm that **shorts will be permitted as part of the school uniform in Terms 5 and 6** for all students. To maintain consistency and high standards, shorts (example below) must meet the following criteria:



- **Plain black colour**
- **Tailored** (not PE or sports shorts)
- **Knee-length**
- **Not cargo shorts** (no utility side pockets)
- **Unbranded**

It is important to note that **students are still expected to wear school shoes and black socks** that cover their ankles when wearing skirts or shorts.

Details regarding our school uniform can be seen on our website here.

Suggested retailers include, but are not limited to, Asda, M&S and the School Uniform Shop. If students are unsure if their shorts are tailored or meet the above requirements, please bring your school trousers or skirt to school as you might be asked to change into them.

As always, maintaining high expectations around uniform helps ensure a calm and purposeful atmosphere. We will continue to work with students to support them in meeting these expectations, and if a student's uniform needs adjusting, we will simply ask them to put this right as soon as they can.

Working Together
Most importantly, we want to ensure that students remain focused on their learning, even as the temperature rises. We will continue to monitor the weather closely throughout the week and will communicate with families if any further adjustments are needed.

Thank you, as ever, for your support and partnership. By working together, we can help students stay safe, comfortable and ready to learn during this spell of hot weather.

Best wishes,

Sam Kent
Head of School