

Date: May 13th 2024

Dear parent/carer,

Hot weather

As we move into the summer months, we know that the temperature will increase and with this in mind I write to you regarding some adjustments we will make alongside some helpful reminders for your children to ensure they are not negatively impacted by the hot temperatures. We will communicate all of the below to pupils so that everyone is clear.

Drink Water

Encourage your child to drink water, we will do the same. There is free water available every break and lunch time, students can top up water bottles or make use of the cups to have a drink. Drinks are also purchasable at breaks and lunch and drinks are available for free at our breakfast club every morning (7.30 – 8.15). Please note that fizzy and sugary drinks are not allowed in the academy.

Uniform

We still expect pupils to bring their full uniform to the Academy however we have made some adjustments and given some useful reminders below:

Adjustments

- Blazers must be brought to the Academy every day however, they may be taken off and carried.
- Pupils can loosen their top button and their tie if they feel hot.

Reminders

- Jumpers are not compulsory. Please encourage your child to leave at home if they are hot.
- If skirts are worn they must be knee length.
- Coats/jackets are not allowed to be worn in the Academy.
- Pupils can wear short sleeve collared and buttoned shirts.

Temperature of the Academy

Our facilities team monitor the temperature across the building each day and on hotter days we will reduce this as much as possible. In hotter areas of the Academy we will have cooling fans and remind pupils about the benefits of drinking water and the adjustments to the uniform.

Sun Cream - Skin Care

Many pupils will *play out* at break and lunch, on sunny days please encourage your child to use sunscreen or to sit in shaded areas/inside. We will remind pupils of this too. We are not able to give out sunscreen due to risks around allergies but if you feel your child should use this then please encourage them to bring some to school.

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I hope the information is useful and gives a good platform to have a discussion with your child(ren) about managing and responding to temperature increases. Although we are making adjustments we want pupils to look and feel smart and as such we still expect all pupils to wear our full uniform each day and really appreciate your support with this.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter and let's hope we have a lovely warm summer!

Mr McEvoy

Principal