

22nd June 2026

Dear Families,

Hot Weather Precautions

As very hot weather is forecast over the coming days, we wanted to let you know the school's position in terms of keeping children safe and comfortable during periods of high temperatures.

To support your child in school, please ensure that they:

- Bring a named water bottle to school each day – children will have access to water and drinks at all times.
- Wear lightweight clothing and school uniform is not required, if this is easier.
- Bring a named sun hat or cap for any outdoor activities or transition times.
- Apply a long-lasting sunscreen before arriving at school. The NHS sun safety advice recommends using a sunscreen with both UVA and UVB protection and choosing a high factor sunscreen (at least Factor 30) with a high level of UVA protection. Many brands are formulated specifically for babies and young children

During hot weather, we will take a number of measures at Riverside School to help keep pupils safe, including:

- Encouraging regular hydration throughout the day.
- Making use of shaded areas during break and lunchtimes.
- Refraining from any strenuous activity.
- Ensuring classrooms are as well ventilated as possible.
- Any planned offsite visits will be reviewed by school leaders and may be cancelled this week.

If you feel that your child will be adversely affected by the high temperatures and you feel that being in school would not be in their best interests, we will authorise their absence. Please do notify the school office in the usual way should this be the case.

We appreciate your support in helping us keep all children safe and comfortable during the warmer conditions.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Solomons
Headteacher