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Dear Parents and Carers

Extremely hot weather

I am writing to update you on the steps we are taking in School to respond to the current period of extremely hot weather and to ensure that all students remain safe, well and able to continue their learning as comfortably as possible.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our students are very important to us. In light of the current temperatures, we have reviewed our arrangements and implemented a number of additional measures across the School.

What the School is doing

We have taken the following steps to reduce the impact of the heat:

- **Hydration:** Students are being actively encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day. Water refill points remain available across both sites.
- **Classroom environment:** Where possible, we are using cooler areas of the buildings and managing ventilation through the use of windows, blinds and shaded spaces.
- **Dress code:** Students to dress and remove clothing layers in line with King Edward VII School's Dress Code. Younger students, or those with SEN, will receive prompting or help to adjust clothing levels if necessary.
- **Break and lunch arrangements:** Students are encouraged to access shaded areas and staff are monitoring students closely for signs of heat discomfort.
- **Pastoral care:** Staff are vigilant to signs of heat-related illness such as dizziness or headaches and will act swiftly if concerns arise.

These measures are consistent with wider guidance that schools should encourage hydration, reduce heat exposure and adjust routines where necessary during periods of extreme heat.

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How parents and carers can support

We would be very grateful for your support in helping your child manage the heat:

- Please ensure your child brings a refillable water bottle to School each day.
- Encourage your child to drink plenty of water before and after School.
- Students may wear looser, lighter clothing within the parameters of the School Dress Code.
- Where appropriate, please ensure your child applies sunscreen before leaving home, particularly if they are likely to spend time outdoors.
- If your child has any medical condition or additional needs that may make them more vulnerable to heat, please inform the School if you have not already done so.

Ongoing review

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and review our arrangements as needed, taking account of weather forecasts and guidance. Should any further changes be required, we will of course communicate these to you promptly.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep our students safe and well during this period of hot weather.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher