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Sports Day Postponement: Due to Forecast Extreme Heat

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that, following careful consideration and a review of the latest weather forecasts, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our Sports Day, which was due to take place this coming week on **Wednesday 24th June 2026**.

Throughout the weekend, the Senior Leadership Team has been closely monitoring forecast temperatures and reviewing risk assessments. Current forecasts indicate Wednesday is likely to be the hottest day of the week, making outdoor physical activity potentially unsafe for children, staff and visitors.

Following this review, consideration of the forecast conditions and [government guidance](#) regarding schools during periods of extreme heat, we have concluded that it would not be safe or appropriate to proceed.

Whilst we know many families may have made arrangements to attend, the wellbeing and safety of our children must always come first. As a school, we would much rather postpone than risk children, or adults, becoming unwell, particularly when spending extended periods outdoors in direct sunlight. We have taken the decision at the earliest opportunity, rather than waiting until next week, to give families as much notice as possible and minimise any disruption to work and childcare arrangements.

Sports Day will now take place on our published reserve date of Wednesday 8th July 2026. We will, however, keep this date under review and continue to monitor forecasts in the lead up to the backup date. Whilst some time away, [current forecasts](#), albeit harder to predict, indicate at present that even if temperatures are warm, the probability of heatwave conditions is lower.

Please note that **school will remain open as normal on Wednesday and all children are expected to, at present, attend as usual.** We will continue to implement our hot weather measures; please see the additional attached letter for more information, and will continue to keep all options under review.

I appreciate that this may be disappointing. However, I hope you will understand that this decision has not been taken lightly and has been made solely with the best interests, safety and wellbeing of all in mind. We look forward to welcoming families on the rearranged date and to enjoying a fantastic Sports Day in more comfortable conditions.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support.

Kind regards,

Mr Shaun Riordan
Headteacher

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