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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with some regret that I write to inform you that tomorrow's Sports Day will be postponed and rearranged for Tuesday 14th July in the morning.

Over the past few days, we have been monitoring the weather forecast very closely. Whilst the heat is not as intense as last week, the increasing temperatures and forecast UV levels between 9:00am and 12:00pm tomorrow are simply too high for us to safely proceed with an outdoor event of this nature.

As a school, we have prepared extensively. We have ensured that extra water bottles would be readily available, gazebos and shaded areas were organised, PTA support was in place and a range of additional measures had been considered to help children manage the heat. However, there comes a point when, despite all preparations, the right decision is to say 'no'.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our children must always come first. I am simply not prepared to place children at unnecessary risk by asking them to take part in sustained physical activity during a period of extreme heat and very high UV exposure. We also have vulnerable children, vulnerable family members and vulnerable members of our wider community to consider. As Headteacher, I have a duty of care to make decisions that are in the best interests of everyone.

I fully understand that many parents and carers may feel frustrated by this decision, particularly if arrangements have been made or time has been booked off work to attend. Please know that this decision has not been taken lightly. **I am more than happy to write individual letters to parents employers if needed but hopefully people can be afforded the appropriate flexibility and appreciate the situation we are all in.**

Those who know our school know that we almost never cancel events. We pride ourselves on being well prepared, finding solutions and doing everything we can to keep things running. However, this commitment must never come at the expense of the safety and wellbeing of our children.

The good news is that we have been able to quickly secure an alternative date. Sports Day will now take place on **Tuesday 14th July** in the morning, when temperatures are currently forecast to be in the late teens with a light breeze, providing much more suitable conditions for all involved.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding, support and cooperation. We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday to cheer on the children and celebrate what promises to be a fantastic Sports Day.

Kind regards,

Mr Callaghan-Wetton , Headteacher

