

# Whitehill Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I thought I would write again, following yesterday's update and questions from some parents in relation to the warm weather we are experiencing at present and what our plans are for the coming days.

I think it is important we adapt and try to ensure the pupils' learning experiences and opportunities continue as planned. That being said, we need to be mindful of the direction received from Public Health and Herts County Council.

All pupils should arrive in school with appropriate sun-cream already applied and with a water bottle which can obviously be refilled during the day. As we will want to still engage in outdoor learning opportunities, pupils should also be encouraged to wear a hat.

The teaching team will look at their plans and make necessary adjustments. Already, we have moved the Lower School interhouse rounders from Tuesday afternoon to Wednesday morning. Mr Lord and Mr Wells have thought about how they will continue with their 'big dig' and because of its location are able to have some pupils inside on a rotation basis so no child is outside for too long.

The big question for next week is whether or not we run the Tuesday afternoon element of sports day, to which parents are invited. I know many of you will already have booked time off so that you can attend (for the first time in three years) and will be disappointed if we cancel. I am holding off making a decision on this for as long as possible. The rest of next week (our final of the year) is exceptionally busy and so fitting it in at another time could be challenging.

As many won't have seen our afternoon event, I will outline the adjustments we do make for warm weather and sun.

Pupils sit in their House teams and are usually all under gazebos so they are out of any direct sun. They only come out for their events, all of which usually take a minute or two, maximum. They all have water with them and during the afternoon will also be provided with ice-lollies.

It is usually the parents who are at risk from the sun, but again, they are welcome to bring something to keep the sun off their backs.

Where we might have a problem this year is with the gazebos for pupils. In slightly windy conditions over the last few years, we have lost some of our supply. For this reason and if we do go ahead with the event, I may put out a request for the loan of a few gazebos for the pupils. Please look out for this. They can come in on the day and can be taken home straight after.



I hope this reassures you that we are taking this matter seriously whilst at the same time not overreacting and cancelling everything we have planned.

Thank you for your ongoing support – we are nearly there!

Best wishes,



Steve Mills  
Headteacher

