



# George Spicer Primary School

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

## **School will be open as usual on Monday.**

Whilst there are strict guidelines on school closure for extreme cold, there are none for extreme heat. However, like you I am concerned about the Met Office amber and subsequent red warning of extreme heat that is currently in place for Monday and Tuesday next week.

Kimberley Gardens isn't really affected as all the classrooms have the luxury of air conditioning units so we will only be adjusting any outdoor activities to avoid prolonged exposure to the heat.

Sketty Road site causes more challenges and we are therefore making more adaptations to ensure the children and staff are as comfortable as possible during this unprecedented spell of hot weather. Due to the positioning and type of build, these rooms can get extremely hot. We have fans for classrooms and will be opening windows and closing blinds from early in the morning to allow the cooler air to circulate before children arrive. We also have the capability to move classes from the hottest rooms into the air-conditioned Computer Suite, for a period of time.

We are forecast to have temperatures in excess of 37 degrees on Monday and Tuesday. Please note the following safety information:

1. Children can wear **ANY cool clothes** that are appropriate for learning in school and a hat – do not worry about uniform. Please ensure they wear trainers and **not** strappy sandals/flip flops/sliders for health and safety reasons.
2. We will move the children out into the shade if classrooms are too hot, this includes going into the local park to utilise the shady areas.
3. Please remember to send a bottle of water so that your child/ren can have this with them at all times. They will be allowed to regularly refill these.
4. We will keep children out of the sun, although I would still recommend sun cream as UV is very high. Lunchtime external play will be reduced.
6. Normal lessons may have to be postponed if classrooms are too hot, teachers will adapt accordingly.

I am aware that some parents want the school to close and/or want to keep their children at home. We cannot do this and any absence will be unauthorised. Monday afternoon is an

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important day at George Spicer as it is the day the children will be meeting their new teacher and spending time in their new classes.

We will monitor how bearable the working/learning conditions are on Monday before making any other adjustments, which could include allowing you to collect children after lunch on Tuesday thus avoiding the hottest part of the day.

Of course, knowing the British weather and weather forecasting, it could be 5 degrees and snowing on Monday!

Yours sincerely



Mr D Spong  
**Headteacher**

"If you saw a heat wave, would you wave back?" ~ Steven Wright

