



**ROCKWOOD**  
ACADEMY

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Dear Parents / Carers

If you have been watching the news and weather forecasts, you will have seen that the U.K. is expecting extremely hot weather on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

As you would expect, we have been planning to ensure that this does not disrupt Rockwood Academy's high-quality education. We are bringing in several measures to guard against students and staff over-heating, so that all are safe and well.

We do not expect students to wear either blazers or ties on either day, with shirt collars unbuttoned. Coats are not permitted and would be a risk to your child's health.

We would also appreciate it if your son / daughter brings in a sturdy water bottle / container, limited to one litre of liquid. Once their own water supply runs out, we have ordered a large quantity of smaller water bottles that will be available throughout the day – without cost to you.

Our classrooms will be as ventilated as possible and additional fans and air conditioning / cooling devices have been purchased and installed already.

Teachers will adapt their lesson plans to take account of the high temperatures, prioritising more shorter activities that require less sustained concentration. PE lessons will be led with health and safety in mind, with regular breaks and shade from direct sunlight.

I will be patrolling corridors, hourly, alongside the Deputy Headteachers, to constantly evaluate the environment. In the unlikely event that we feel – in consultation with our Operations Team – the necessity to cease lessons because of extreme heat, we will communicate an early closure by text for Years 7, 8 and 9 only – who will continue their learning day online (using Microsoft Teams). Year 10 will be moved to the cool, 'new' area of the building and continue learning onsite.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact us by telephone or our enquiry inbox.

We hope that you and your families remain safe during this unusually hot time. We look forward to seeing students on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July before 08.35am.

Yours faithfully

**Mr G Williams**  
Senior Headteacher