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Dear Parent/Carers

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### Re: Heatwave Warnings

I'm sure you have all seen the weather forecast and news reports focussing on the expected heatwave in the next few days.

Advice from the DfE is that schools should remain open if at all possible.

In school we are taking a wide range of precautions to ensure the children and staff remain safe including:

- Ensuring all children have suncream and hats when outside
- We are instigating regular hydration breaks to ensure everyone remains hydrated with staff giving children prompts to do so
- We are putting up tarpaulins and the children are having great fun building dens to provide shade
- We are attempting to keep learning zones cool by closing blinds and opening windows
- We will be monitoring the length of time children are outside over lunchtime and either shortening the length of time outside or offering a cooler indoor alternative
- Resources have been shared across the learning zones about the Water Safety Code and water safety in general – especially given the proximity of the River Wear.

The DfE have shared a link for advice and support for parents which you can check out below: <https://news.service.education.gov.uk> you can then search for National Water Safety Forum, UK Drowning Prevention Strategy, British Red Cross, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid for Drowning and advice from the RNLI.

Yours sincerely

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