

Dear Parent/Carer

Warm weather update

Although the weather conditions today and for the rest of this week are slightly cooler than on Monday, we are continuing to monitor the impact of the warm weather on the school environment. We are also mindful of the weather forecast for next week, which indicates a continuation of high temperatures.

Please note the information below regarding the weather conditions and relevant adjustments made.

Also attached to this Parentmail is information from Public Health Wales regarding hot weather advice.

School uniform

Pupils are able to remove their ties if they wish. There is no expectation that school jumpers are worn.

The wearing of the school PE kit (as we allowed during a previous warm weather event) is no guarantee for feeling any cooler. Indeed, at the time, this led to a number of pupils suffering from sunburn and also wearing inappropriate clothing for school. The normal school uniform of white cotton shirts/ blouses and loose trousers is therefore considered the best option.

Additional adjustments

Cooling machines are placed in the warmest areas of the school, for example in the dining hall in order to keep temperatures down and to provide a more comfortable environment for pupils.

The school has a number of air conditioned rooms. These areas are much cooler than outdoors. Any pupil who is feeling too hot and particularly uncomfortable will be able to access cooler areas. In these circumstances pupils should inform any member of staff who will be able to provide assistance.

Shade

During breaks and lunchtime pupils are able to seek shade in numerous areas across the school site. There is no need for any pupil to be out in direct sunlight for any length of time.

Water

Pupils are advised to keep hydrated. Water can be accessed from the water fountains and from the dining hall. It is advised that pupils bring a water bottle from home to refill as necessary. Pupils have a combined total of 1 hour 5 minutes for break and lunch during the day. Therefore, there is ample time to obtain water and refill bottles.

Other information

Pupils are able to wear hats/ caps outdoors if they wish in order to protect themselves from the sun. Pupils should also apply sunscreen if necessary.

Covid-19

It is evident that the number of Covid-19 positive cases has been increasing recently. Some symptoms, for example having a high temperature, suffering from a headache, feeling tired or lethargic can be mistaken for the effects of warm weather. We would ask all parents/ carers to remain vigilant for Covid-19 symptoms. Pupils exhibiting these symptoms should of course not attend school.

Regards

Cowbridge School Senior Leadership Team.