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Dear Parents / Carers

**Re: Heatwave**

I am writing to confirm that **there are no plans to close Oldbury Wells School** at this time. We continue to monitor conditions closely and are working within the Department for Education's guidance to ensure that school remains safe and comfortable for all.

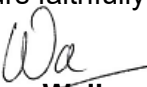
To support the wellbeing of our learners and staff during this period of unusually high temperatures, we have put a wide range of measures in place:

- **Uniform adjustments** have been made so learners can wear looser, lighter clothing to help them stay cool.
- **£500 of adjustable fans** have been purchased and are now operating across multiple classrooms.
- **Ice is being used with fans** to support the cooling of teaching spaces.
- **Blinds are lowered and windows closed** in sun facing rooms during the hottest parts of the day to reduce heat gain.
- **Football at lunchtime** has been paused on both East and West playgrounds.
- Learners have been encouraged to **stay indoors or use shaded areas** during social times.
- **PE lessons** have been moved indoors (East gym, sports hall, West gym) to avoid prolonged exposure to the sun.
- **Classes have been relocated** to cooler areas of the school where appropriate.
- Learners are being reminded to **refill water bottles** before school, at break, at lunch and before travelling home.
- Learners are advised to **apply sun cream** before school and reapply during the day.
- The planned **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme excursion** has been postponed.
- **Practical Food Technology lessons** have been removed from the timetable for the remainder of the week due to the additional heat generated by ovens. Recipes will be shared via Satchel One, and learners are welcome to send photos of anything they produce at home once temperatures cool.
- All learners who achieve **100% attendance this week** will receive a sweet, cool reward, as advertised on social media.

We will continue to work closely with TrustEd Alliance to monitor conditions and ensure that all appropriate mitigations remain in place.

Thank you for your continued support during this unusual weather event.

Yours faithfully

  
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