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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you regarding the current warmer weather and the arrangements we have in place in school to support pupils.

Although temperatures have increased and the area is currently under an amber heat alert, we see no reason to close the school due to the heat. We are very aware of national guidance, and this helps inform the decisions we make as a school.

As a school, we go to great lengths to support children during warmer weather. This includes ensuring refreshments are available, providing access to shaded areas, and re-rooming lessons where appropriate if one classroom is noticeably warmer than another. We also continue to assess conditions throughout the school day and respond accordingly, making changes where needed to meet the needs of pupils and ensure they remain as comfortable and well supported as possible.

We also have a clear uniform policy which supports pupils during the summer months. Pupils are able to wear their school shirt, and both boys and girls may wear school shorts if they wish. Girls may, of course, continue to wear their skirts if they prefer. We made this change a couple of years ago specifically to support pupils during warmer weather.

As a Senior Leadership Team, we have considered the most appropriate approach and judged that a light cotton school shirt with shorts, or a skirt if preferred, is likely to be more comfortable than moving pupils into PE kit, which is black and may potentially be warmer for children to wear.

That said, I am always open to feedback from parents and carers. My decisions are always made in what I believe to be the best interests of the children, based on a strong understanding of how we manage the school environment and the measures we put in place to support them.

For Thursday and Friday this week, if parents and carers wish to send their child to school in their PE kit, they are welcome to do so. Please ensure that footwear remains appropriate: pupils should wear either black trainers or their black school shoes. For example, black Nike Air Force trainers would be acceptable as per the uniform policy. Shorts should be of an appropriate length and should be of an appropriate length for a school setting. Pupils are also very welcome to continue wearing their school shirt with shorts, skirt, or usual school uniform if they prefer.

For Year 10 pupils attending the Aquinas trip on Friday, school uniform should be worn as per Aquinas' request.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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