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Dear Parents and Carers

Hot weather expected: sensible steps at school

In response to high temperatures being forecast for the remainder of this week, I have decided to allow summer uniform. In this letter, I explain what summer uniform means and give some other suggestions for managing hotter conditions in school.

In the north east, we do not expect conditions to be severe. Nonetheless, it will be hotter than we are used to.

Summer uniform

The rules for summer uniform are straightforward:

- The school blazer is optional
- The school tie is optional
- The top shirt button (only) may be undone
- Shirt sleeves may be rolled up

All other uniform expectations remain in place. For example, students need to continue to wear school trousers (or the school skirt) and school shoes.

Summer uniform remains in place from today until the end of the summer term. Students do not need to bring their blazers/ties unless they need them for a particular school event.

Other sensible precautions: water and sunscreen

When the weather is hot, please make sure that your child brings a refillable plastic bottle of water to school. If they are taking examinations, this bottle needs to be clear (see-through). Students can refill their bottles from our water dispensers, at break and lunchtime.

We have only a few air-conditioned rooms. However, members of staff will open windows and doors, and they will close blinds, as appropriate.

Please make sure that, on sunny days, your child is protected by wearing sunscreen. Factor 50 is recommended for children. It is also recommended to bring a hat to wear outside. Our school site has plenty of shade from trees and buildings.

Thank you for working with us to protect your children.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully

Dr Andrew Fowler
Principal