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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing with a general update and some health advice regarding the heatwave as we approach the last week of this academic year.

Many thanks to those of you who have sent in kind words following our Ofsted inspection that took place on the 24th and 25th of May. Inspectors were impressed with much of what the school is offering its pupils and students and the result was a good outcome for us all.

I do need to say something about Hampshire Transport as I know that many of you have had and are still having problems with consistency of service. I have written to our senior manager in SEN stating my dissatisfaction with the current service delivery. I can assure you all that we as a school are doing what we can to help but as you are aware it is out of our control. I am hopeful that the situation will improve and I will update you all of course, if I have any news on this over the summer.

This last half term has seen a variety of activities taking place in school, from parents evenings and sports days in primary and secondary, to a visit from a mobile farm. Both sports days were well attended by parents and it was lovely to see you all. Some of our YR 9 students have visited Lasham airfield and our YR 10's have been on a Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. Primary children have also taken part in off-site activities with some more planned for next week. Our YR 7's took part in a rather warm sleep over and movie night this week with much fun being had by all who attended. Following this was a very successful summer BBQ, run by staff, for pupils, students and parents. It was a good evening and a big thank you goes out to the staff who have given up their free time this week and every other week to offer our pupils and students an enriching school life.

As we work towards the weekend, and the ensuing very warm weather, I wanted to let you know that we will be doing all that we can in school to help keep your child as cool as possible. Below is the advice that has been sent to all schools by Public Health England:

'With temperatures expected to rise, possibly to temperatures of 30 degrees and above, over the weekend and into Monday and Tuesday (16 to 19 July), we are conscious that schools and early years settings may be encountering questions from families about whether your site is closing and if not, what measures are being taken to keep children well.

Our expectation is that schools and early years settings remain open, in accordance with the national guidance on managing hot weather. This includes making sure that children stay well hydrated, apply sun cream and keep to the shade while playing outdoors, as well as managing indoor temperatures safely and effectively. Staff are also advised to ensure that children do not take part in vigorous physical activity on very hot days, such as when temperatures exceed 30 degrees.

Please do continue to communicate with parents and carers about all of these measures, and where their support is required to make sure that children are well prepared for the hotter weather. We would suggest that individual schools and early years settings consider being flexible in terms of relaxing uniform rules to help children stay cool and readjusting their time spent outdoors as appropriate.

You will know that we have already asked parents to send in children wearing sun cream and hats and have already relaxed our uniform rules to allow for the wearing of cooler clothing. We continue to ask you to do this throughout next week. We will do all that we can to make sure your child is as comfortable as possible whilst in our care, and this includes the off-site trips that are due to go ahead next week. At present there are no plans to cancel them, but we ask that you send your child into school with plenty of water bottles, sun cream and hats. If you would like to speak to the school regarding the particular needs of your child during next week's heat wave, please call the school office and ask to speak to your key stage lead.

As we head towards Thursday 21st July, our last day in school this academic year, I wanted you to know that we have arranged for an ice cream van to attend the school on Wednesday 20th July at 1:15 pm. All children will be allowed an ice cream free of charge on this day. If your child has any dietary requirements that you have not yet told us about, please do so in order for us to ensure that they have access to an alternative ice cream if needed. Please contact Mr Tyreman in the first instance.

Finally, I and my team here at Samuel Cody thank you all for your support during what has been another difficult year. We are, however, slowly getting back to normal.

We wish you all a relaxing and healthy summer break and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 5th September.

Yours sincerely



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