



Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Communication re Heatwave update Friday 15th July

15.7.22

Dear Parents and Carers,

To confirm we will be open on Monday and Tuesday. However, on my Risk Assessment the danger to staff and children is on these two days rated as high. This is because, whilst we are in a better position than most schools due to our high ceilings, we have other factors that raise the risk including:

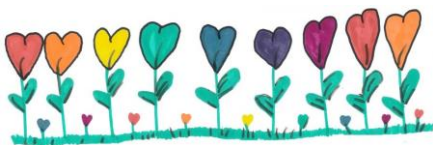
- No air conditioning
- It is a single storey building
- There is very little shade and the classroom temperatures rise to above 32 degrees in the afternoons.

We have of course planned for as many adaptations as possible to reduce the risk. I would urge you to not bring in children if you can organise it as fewer bodies means fewer risks. It may be that you cannot and of course we understand. We have always operated this way and it helps us help those most in need.

To synchronise in with other local schools who have decided to offer the same approach:

- 1) As before let us know if you're not in. You will not want us to bother you. Email to secretary@jennetts.bonitas.org.uk or report via the Study Bugs app.
- 2) You may send in children but you may collect from 1:15 if you want. For those worried about absence 1:15 is after the register is taken.
- 3) Your children may wear whatever's comfortable but still practical
- 4) There is work online if you want it.
- 5) We are amending the school dinners to reduce the amount of cooking and heat in the kitchen. Next week the lunch choices will be as follows
 - Cheese Wrap
 - Tuna Wrap
 - Chicken and Sweetcorn Wrap
 - Jacket Potato

All served with salad



I have included my email to you yesterday at the bottom of the page for those who didn't read it.

Stay cool and SLIP/SLOP/SLAP.

Yours sincerely



Liz Savage Headteacher of Jennett's Park CE Primary

14.7.22

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been asked by several of you (and staff and children and governors) if we plan to open on Monday and Tuesday in the heatwave. The decision to close due to environmental factors is complicated and obviously by nature (no pun intended) last minute due to changing weather patterns. If we are instructed to close we will email you as soon as the decision is made.

The Department for Education stated last night it was "not expecting nor advising schools to close" during this summer's heatwave, and that "individual school leaders are responsible for managing their own local circumstances". We have no plans to shut at the moment but it could be that Public Health eventually guide us to.

The Met Office are predicting a heatwave, so SLIP into something cool, SLOP on some sun cream and SLAP on a hat! Next week we will follow guidance recommended that schools boost ventilation where possible, keep children hydrated, and avoid vigorous physical activity. Children MUST have a water.

For those parents and carers who choose to keep children at home activities will be available on Seesaw and Tapestry. Please let us know if you do intent to keep them at home and whilst it cannot at the moment be written as 'authorised' it will stop us chasing you on those very hot days! To tell us drop an email to secretary@jennetts.bonitas.org.uk.

Our Grand day in is scheduled for Tuesday. We won't be spending time outside at the moment and just have cool activities indoors. You are still welcome to join us for lunch but this won't be outdoors! By letting us know your intentions it will make our end of term events easier to manage with staff absence.

Many working parents and carers will not have that choice. Like I said before, unless Public Health guide us to, we won't close.

Wednesday is cooler and we intend to have all our normal goodbye events for children. End of day 1:30

Yours sincerely



Liz Savage, Headteacher of Jennett's Park CE Primary

