

"Being different, Belonging together in the family of God"

St Mary and St Joseph's RC Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers

I am concerned by extreme heat warnings which have been issued by the Met Office for Sunday running into the early part of next week. With that in mind, I intend to relax the school uniform policy for the next two school days (Monday and Tuesday).

- Children can wear clothing which will help them stay cool. This might be loose fitting and made from a natural material like cotton to be as cool as possible. We don't want any bare tummies or shoulders though please; clothes still need to be appropriate for school. Flip flop type shoes are not sturdy enough but sandals of course are fine.
- Adults working in school will also be invited to 'dress down', although clothing will of course still remain appropriate for our job roles.

Please ensure that your child brings a hat and a water bottle with them – water bottles can be refilled during the day. Children should also be wearing a very high factor sun screen (Factor 50 at least). If the buildings are too warm, staff may decide to take children outside, particularly in the afternoon, to the shaded areas near the trees. Whilst I understand that these temperatures are reasonably common in Europe, our buildings and lifestyles are not the same as theirs! Hopefully we can do our best to make sure everyone remains comfortable.

If you have any additional concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the office e-mail on office@smsjrc.blackburn.sch.uk

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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