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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud of how well the children managed the high temperatures yesterday and today. It was lovely to see so many pupils taking sensible precautions - regularly refilling water bottles and checking in on one another. Their maturity and care for each other have been wonderful to see.

Due to the red alert for extreme temperatures issued for tomorrow, Thursday, we have carefully reviewed our arrangements and have decided to offer **an early collection option from 1.15pm** just for tomorrow.

This decision has been made to support the health, safety and wellbeing of children during the hottest part of the day. Children can be particularly vulnerable during periods of extreme heat, and we want to provide families with the option to take their children home earlier where possible. Our children will have their lunches as normal.

Please note:

The school will remain open until the normal end of the school day for all children who would like to stay. Our after-school provision is still available, but they will not run with the activities normally planned – all children in school will be encouraged to be as calm and relaxed as possible. If you have booked any after school clubs, please do let us know if you are planning **not** to use the provision this Thursday.

Staff will continue to implement our hot weather precautions, including:

- Encouraging regular water breaks
- Limiting strenuous activity
- Allowing relaxed uniform expectations
- Keeping children in shaded or cooler areas where possible
- Closely monitoring all children throughout the day

In line with our previous communication, please ensure your child:

- Brings a refillable water bottle
- Wears a sun hat
- Has sun cream applied before school

Children may continue to wear PE kit or light plain clothes that are suitable for school tomorrow.

To help us manage the day effectively, we ask that you inform the school office via email admin@kington.hereford.sch.uk if you wish to take up the early collection option for your child on Thursday.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and take any additional steps necessary to keep everyone safe during these extreme temperatures.

Thank you, as always, for your support and understanding during this challenging period.
Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bretherton
Headteacher