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Dear Parent/Carer

With weather warnings for next week being reported today, I wanted to update you on plans for the last few days of term.

Firstly, weather warnings in our area are currently Amber but we are not in the 'red zone' identified for the south east and some parts of the Midlands.

Whilst in school, students will not be asked to wear their jumpers and will of course be able to access shaded areas under our 'sails' when outdoors. They can purchase water or other drinks from the canteen and can refill bottles from our water dispensers too. Please make sure they have a refillable bottle and suncream and a hat if they are sensitive to the sun. We have first aiders on site obviously, so if they feel unwell during the day, they will be able to follow our normal procedures.

For those of you going to Blackpool on Monday, again, this is not in the 'red zone' of weather warnings. We have already been in touch with our coach provider to ensure smaller, air-conditioned coaches are available for us which should make travelling more comfortable. We have also spoken to the organizers at Blackpool pleasure beach to discuss their facilities and safety measures. They tell us that all operations are expected to be as normal but they say they will deploy water stations for visitors to refill bottles and, if the heat gets 'significant' they will provide free bottles of water. The site itself is a large but enclosed site and there are plenty of areas of shade that can be found. We will also have a designated 'home base' that the students will be told about and that will always be staffed with first aiders, first aid kits, spare sun cream and water. Please ensure that children bring suncream and a refillable bottle with them and wear a hat or cap.

I hope this reassures you of our commitment to keep everyone safe, but if you would like any further information please let us know. If anything changes, or the weather warning levels are increased, we will of course keep you informed.

With many thanks,

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