

GILLESPIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Gillespie Memo Amber & Red Weather Warning Alerts

We are following Local and national guidance for schools with regards to the extreme temperatures that we are currently experiencing. The advice is to risk assess and make adaptations where possible to ensure that we are able to keep as cool as possible and minimise the risk of heat related illness in our school environment.



At Gillespie we have made the following adaptations to minimise risk to children and staff:

- Creating more shade in the school playground through putting up gazebos (Thank you in advance to Sean and his team of FOG helpers for setting this up for us on Tuesday morning)
- Cancelling out of school visits/trips – to ensure that we are not using public transport and exposing the children to longer periods outside in the direct heat
- Ensuring we have as much ventilation in our classrooms as possible
- Encouraging pupils to take on more water across the day
- Adapting the curriculum to allow for more mini breaks & less intense working
- Limiting playtime exposure in the hottest parts of the day, and providing water cooling in the main playground at regular intervals (water spray)
- Cancelling our Bikeability training for year 5 for the remainder of this week
- Reminding children to apply sunscreen and wear hats/caps outdoors
- Limiting/cancelling lunchtime football coaching

Mark and Shelley are away on the year 6 school journey at Cardfields this week. I am in daily contact with Mark and am consulting with him about the measures we have in place. We will send further updates regarding Wednesday and Thursday tomorrow.

Many thanks & best wishes,

Lyn 😊

Lynwen Jones – Assistant Headteacher



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