

Dear Parent/Carer

## Red Weather Warning: Danger to Life – Arrangements for Monday 18 July and Tuesday 19 July 2022

You will be aware that the Meteorological Office has issued a Red Weather Warning and the UK Government has declared a state of national emergency with temperatures in Warwickshire potentially exceeding 40c on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 July 2022.

Having consulted with other local schools about their arrangements, the Transforming Lives Educational Trust's schools have decided to offer parents and carers flexibility over whether children attend school in person on Monday and Tuesday only. As temperatures are forecast to be in line with seasonal averages on Wednesday, students will be expected in school.

We will be fully open to students on Monday and Tuesday. However, we do understand that some children are more sensitive to increased temperatures and that a large number of our pupils travel on public transport, and some from longer distances, so want to give parents/carers the choice over whether children are in school or at home as you know your children best.

If your child will be staying at home, please report their absence through Edulink using the subject RED WEATHER WARNING to confirm that they are absent for this reason. Absences will be coded as authorised. Students staying home will have lesson resources shared via Google Classroom and should access this from home. Under no circumstances should pupils be in local parks, near open water or public spaces if they are not in school as this presents a greater risk to their safety.

Some further changes as a result of the red weather warning:

- PE lessons have been rearranged so that they do not include physical activity.
- Year 10 and Year 9 Celebration assemblies will be live streamed or pre-recorded, allowing students working from home to access their year group celebration event. Information about these events will be sent to students through Google Classroom.

As previously communicated, students will be permitted to wear PE Kit (Years 7-10) or tailored shorts (Year 12) on Monday and Tuesday. Similar adaptations to staff dress will be in place. Classrooms will be ventilated as much as possible - as many classrooms as possible have fans or cooling units. We encourage you to ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle with them at school and to provide them with high SPF sunscreen and a hat if they wish to be outdoors during break or lunchtime.

The Year 8 Bushcraft Trip will still take place and adaptations to activities have been made to ensure student and staff safety and comfort. Parents have been emailed separately about the mitigations that are in place.

We hope that you will feel reassured that you are now able to make the choice that is best for your child and your personal circumstances as to whether your child attends school on Monday and Tuesday. If you have any further queries or questions, please email info@ashlawn.org.uk. We will endeavour to respond as soon as possible on Monday.

Yours sincerely

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