



# Eastlea heatwave plans

## 18th and 19th July 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

As I am sure you will be aware, there are national concerns about the very high temperatures which parts of the country may experience in the coming days. The forecast is that in Cramlington we will have a 'heatwave' on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** and so the following measures will be in place to attempt to keep everyone at Eastlea as cool and safe as possible:

- **School uniform is not required on either Monday or Tuesday.** Instead please encourage your child to wear loose, light coloured clothing to school, bring a hat and apply suncream.
- Water bottles should be brought as normal and the children will be reminded to refill these and drink plenty throughout the day.
- Staff will plan calm, quiet activities in the classrooms which will be kept as cool as possible by maintaining high levels of ventilation and closing blinds in rooms which have direct sunlight.
- Cooler spaces in school will be accessed if a classroom becomes too hot – e.g. the hall, the library and the inner courtyard – all of which are shaded.
- Staff will monitor the temperatures and time outdoors will be limited with children accessing shaded areas rather than having full break times/ lunchtimes in the heat of the day. Early Years children will not have extended time outdoors during these 2 days.

We hope that these measures will only be needed for the first two days next week as by Wednesday the temperatures are forecast to return to more usual levels, but if there are any changes we will let you know.

Thanks as always for your support.

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher