

Monday 22 June 2026

Dear Parents,

Following on from my communication earlier today, we have continued to review our risk assessments closely. Due to a Red Weather Warning now in place for Tuesday and Wednesday, we are making some immediate changes to our school schedule to ensure everyone's safety.

Please see the key updates and changes below:

1. Event Rescheduling

- **Year 1 Singing Assembly:** This has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 1st July at 2:45pm** in the Main Hall. Any tickets already purchased remain fully valid. We still have a few tickets left for those who wish to buy them.
- **Thursday's Sports Days:** These are being rescheduled to the following times:
 - **9:15am – 10:45am:** Years 1, 3, and 5
 - **2:00pm – 3:20pm:** Years 2, 4, and 6
- **Nursery & Reception Sports Day (Friday 26th June):** This will go ahead as planned [9:15-10:15am]. There is currently no weather warning for Friday, and the morning temperatures are forecast to be much cooler.

2. Further Hot Weather Measures

- **Adapted Playtimes & Lunchtimes:** We have staggered our break timings so there are fewer children outside at any one time. When outdoors, they will be strictly directed to shaded areas. On days this hot, being outside in the shade can occasionally be cooler than remaining inside the classrooms. This will be risk assessed accordingly throughout the day.
- **Low-Energy Activities:** As previously mentioned, children will not be participating in any strenuous activities, and we are constantly encouraging them to drink plenty of water.
- **Enrichment & Extend Clubs:** Club leaders are adapting their sessions to ensure activities are non-strenuous. Staff will make a professional judgement on the day, deciding whether sessions should be held inside or outside in the shade based on where it is coolest.
- **Flexible Uniform Option:** For the rest of this week, children may wear either their **standard school uniform or their school PE kit** (regardless of their usual PE days). We highly encourage shorts, skirts, and lightweight dresses to help them stay cool.

3. Update on Oak Processionary Moths (OPM)

The affected tree on our grounds remains strictly cordoned off, and an accredited tree surgeon has been instructed to manage its safe treatment and removal.

Please be aware that OPM is currently a widespread issue across the wider Enfield community, and you may notice them on trees near local pavements, parks, public green spaces, and many other schools. Across the

borough some public trees are actively cordoned off, others may not be, or may not have any immediate plans for treatment, meaning they are simply a natural feature of the local environment.

The current extreme weather has unfortunately exacerbated the situation across the area. However, please be reassured that we have successfully managed and controlled this issue on our site in previous years. We have fully reviewed our risk assessments, and Enfield Council has explicitly confirmed that our actions align exactly with standard safety protocols. We have completely fulfilled our health and safety responsibilities by securing the specific area on our grounds, and we will continue to strictly enforce the cordon.

4. Update on Insect Bites & Risk Assessment

We are continuing to see cases of standard insect bites across various year groups, many of which involve children who have been nowhere near the cordoned oak tree. Given the exceptionally hot weather, it is highly likely the vast majority of these are typical summer insect bites and entirely unrelated to the moths.

- **Reassurance from Enfield Health & Safety:** We have spoken directly with Enfield Health & Safety, who have confirmed that our current risk assessment and actions are exactly what is required. There are no further actions schools can take at this stage, and we anticipate bite numbers will naturally decline once the extreme temperatures drop. However, we will continue to closely monitor the situation and continue seeking further advice as necessary.
- **Context from other Schools:** In speaking with other headteachers, they have confirmed that many children across various schools are experiencing a high level of insect bites right now. However, given that our site boasts a vast amount of grass and green space, it is possible that this natural environment is making the issue slightly more pronounced for us here.
- **Preventative Measures:** Please consider applying insect repellent to your child before school, sending them in with an insect-repelling wristband, or considering antihistamine options if appropriate for your child.

5. Monitoring Severe Reactions

Please let the school office or your child's class teacher know immediately if your child develops any severe reactions so that we can actively monitor the situation across the school site.

We will continue to review the situation on a daily basis and will update you immediately if any further changes are required. Thank you so much for your continued support, flexibility, and understanding over the next few days.

Best wishes,

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