



15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I'm sure you will have seen, the Met Office has issued a high alert level 3 weather warning for Monday and Tuesday next week. Therefore, due to the extreme heat predicted for these days, we would like to give parents the option to collect their child(ren) earlier from school. Please note that school will remain open all day on both days for those who wish for their child(ren) to remain in school.

Please see below, early collection arrangements for each year group:

**Nursery:**

**Dragonflies** – collect at 12:30pm

**Tadpoles** – option to not attend

*Please note, **Caterpillar** will run as normal.*

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** – collect at 1:10pm

**Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6** – collect at 1:20pm

These times allow children to have finished their lunch and to be registered.

To minimise disruptions, we will be unable to accommodate for ad hoc collections throughout the afternoon. Therefore, parents will only be able to collect at either the earlier time (as stated above) or at the normal time of 3:10pm.

The Radcliffe gardens gate will be opened as per normal collection and the children who are going home early will be brought out to where they are normally dismissed. Children who are usually permitted to walk home alone do **NOT** have permission to leave in the middle of the day unaccompanied by an over 16 year old. Please factor that in if you would like your child to leave school early.

In order for us to plan for Monday and Tuesday, we will be sending a form via ParentMail. We would appreciate it if all parents respond to the form, stating whether they will be collecting their child early or not (if you have more than one child at Barrow Hedges, please complete a separate form for each child). Please respond to the form by **10am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July.**



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Please be reassured that measures will be put in place to help keep the school building cool. Children may also wear PE kit on Monday and Tuesday. Please be reminded that children must still wear footwear that is safe for school (no crocs, sandals or open-toed shoes) and require a full water bottle, sun cream applied at home and a sun hat.

For further on information on protecting children during periods of high temperature, please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england/looking-after-children-and-those-in-early-years-settings-during-heatwaves-for-teachers-and-professionals>

**Following guidance from the DfE, JDFS football club and dance club will not be running afterschool on Monday.**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise wood".

**Louise Wood**  
**Headteacher**