



Harrow Way Community School

Learning for life, success for all

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Dear Parents and Carers

Update from Mrs German – Weather this week

As you will be aware, the forecast for this week indicates high temperatures yet again. After careful consideration, I am making some changes to our plans in order to prioritise the wellbeing of our students, families and staff.

Firstly, from tomorrow, students may **attend school in their PE kit** for the remainder of the week. We hope this will help them to remain as comfortable as possible while continuing with their learning.

Unfortunately, I have also taken the difficult decision to postpone our Sponsored Walk. With temperatures forecast to reach around 34°C on Friday, asking students to undertake a lengthy walk would present an unnecessary risk. While I am incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity shown in supporting this worthwhile cause, my first responsibility must always be to keep our young people safe.

The Sponsored Walk will now take place on **Friday 17th July**, when the forecast is currently more favourable. We hope that, by postponing the event, students will be able to enjoy the experience while continuing to raise valuable funds for charity.

Regrettably, we have also decided to cancel Thursday evening's Presentation Evenings. This is one of the highlights of our school calendar, celebrating the hard work, achievement and contribution of so many of our students. However, with temperatures expected to be around 30°C during the evening, we do not believe it would provide the comfortable and enjoyable occasion that our students and their families deserve.

We have explored alternative dates, but the final weeks of term present a number of unavoidable challenges. One possible date is Wednesday 15th July, but I suspect that everyone is hoping to watch a certain team play in the semi-final that night! Rather than rushing into a decision, we will spend the coming days considering the best way to celebrate our students' achievements. We remain absolutely committed to recognising their success and will communicate our plans with you as soon as possible.



I appreciate that these changes may cause some disappointment, particularly for those who were looking forward to these events. However, I hope you will understand that these decisions have been made with the health and wellbeing of our school community at heart.

Thank you, as always, for your continued understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DL German', written in a cursive style.

Mrs DL German
Headteacher