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Dear Parent/Carer

We have been in contact with the different venues and bus companies to ensure we have up to date information regarding the services they offer and the safety plans for activities.

**I can confirm that all buses we are using have air-conditioning.**

The activities planned to Cadbury's World and Harry Potter Studios are largely inside and not affected by the sun.

The students on the West Midlands Safari Park trip will be in air-conditioned coaches for most of the day and we are limiting the time in the theme park and leaving at 2pm to be back at school for 3pm. There are extra gazebos for lunch to be eaten out of the sun. We are taking extra reserves of water and students can fill up their bottles at points around the park.

Drayton Manor trip – coaches will again be air-conditioned. Students will be in the park from around 10am depending on traffic and will be leaving earlier at 2pm to avoid the hottest parts of the day. We are taking extra reserves of water and students can fill up their bottles at points around the park and all food outlets around the park will let students fill up bottles for free. There will be increased check-in points across the day and under-covered areas where staff will be located at all times across the day where students can shelter from the sun when needed.

Battle Hill and Tubing – 2 hours of activity with an hour of tubing and an hour of laser tag. Regular water breaks and lunch slots out of the sun. Laser tag areas are in woodland under shade.

D of E – Teacher accompanied walks. Walking from early in the morning and the route has been planned to gain shelter from the woods. Students will have regular water breaks and will be back in school completing D of E related activities by lunch time. Main expeditions postponed until September.

**We understand the hot conditions and concerns over the temperatures and safety. We are acting on guidance and trying to ensure students are as safe as possible. You have a parental choice if you wish for your child not to attend their trip and keep them at home. This will be authorised on this occasion if you make this decision. We do not have capacity for these children to attend school if they choose not to attend the trip as staff are allocated out to other trips and activities. Please let us know if you make this decision by emailing [attendance@barnwood-park.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@barnwood-park.gloucs.sch.uk).**

We hope that they have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Kind regards

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