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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the summer term, I am writing to provide several important alerts and guidance to ensure the continued well-being and comfort of our children during these warmer months.

Wildlife Awareness and Tick Prevention:

We have always enjoyed visiting wildlife around our school grounds, particularly in areas like our woodland. This means that ticks can be present within the grounds. We strongly recommend that parents and carers take proactive measures to protect children from potential tick exposure across the summer term, when they use the field and woodlands more. A preventative spray can be highly effective in minimising risks. We would also recommend that children are thoroughly and regularly checked for ticks. If your child does have a tick during the school day, you will be asked to come and remove it. Our staff are not permitted to remove ticks.

Sun Protection and Clothing Guidance:

With the arrival of warmer weather, we are implementing several important recommendations:

- Sun Cream: Parents should apply long-lasting, high-factor sun protection (SPF 50+ with UVA protection) before children arrive at school. Please note that children cannot bring sun cream into school.
- Sun Hats: We encourage children to wear protective headwear during outdoor activities.
- Hydration: Children must bring a water bottle containing only water, which is essential during these warmer months.

Uniform Adjustments:

We are pleased to confirm that summer uniform variations can be made. Children may wear:

- Summer shorts for boys
- Summer dresses for girls

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring our children's health, safety, and comfort during the summer term.

Yours sincerely

Miss Hughlock

Headteacher



