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Dear Parent/Carer,



I hope you enjoyed the sunshine at the weekend. This week is going to continue to be very warm and I would like to ask you to ensure that your child has a bottle of water to keep themselves hydrated as well as ensuring they put on or have appropriate sun protection. A reminder that fizzy drinks, energy drinks and Lucozade style drinks are banned items. These will be confiscated and not given back if they are found in school. The list of banned items and consequences will be very clear in the new Behaviour Policy soon to be launched.



I have informed all pupils this morning that water must not be thrown around school or the local community. This is a serious health and safety issue as such behaviours lead to widespread disruption for others. If this behaviour occurs, we will be preventing pupils from accessing water from the fountain as well as issuing sanctions.



The behaviour of some pupils in the local community has been very poor recently. Do you know where your child goes after school and what they are doing there? Please talk to your son/daughter about their after school activities as almost every day there are large groups of pupils up at Station Road intimidating members of the public. It is not fair that the behaviour of a few has an impact on the reputation of the school.



I will be writing to you shortly with a summary of all the changes that will be taking place from September 2018 – all of these changes are for the good of the school community and will ensure that high quality learning and teaching is at the heart of all we do. Please support the school with these changes and if you have any queries or concerns, please contact me directly via ehillman@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk. One of our new Parent Governors, Sue Haydon, requested that there was a face to face session to explain these changes and enable parents to ask questions. This is a great idea and will be held on 19th July 2018 at 5.30pm in school and I would be delighted to see as many of you as possible present here.



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On a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate one of our pupils in Year 8. Melih is now a finalist in a national competition organised by Shell in which he planned a city for the future. He has already won £2500 for the school, a cash amount for himself and has the chance to win another £5000 in the final. Please have a look at the link that was recently broadcast on London Live - <http://www.londonlive.co.uk/news/2018-06-06/year-8-chingford-students-have-a-bright-idea>. We are very proud of him and the other Year 8 pupils that took part.



Thank you for your on-going support this year and I look forward to ensuring the school continues to improve and become a school we can all be proud of.

Yours faithfully,



Emma Hillman
Headteacher

