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'WE COME TO SCHOOL TO LIVE AND LEARN HAPPILY TOGETHER BY LOVING OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER AS JESUS TEACHES US'

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Extreme weather (thunderstorms/lightning)

As we know weather in the UK can be subject to change at short notice, thunderstorms and lightning can sometimes occur with very little warning and be very localised.

Any exposed open area can be at risk when there's thunder about. If you feel the weather makes an activity unsafe then that activity should be suspended / abandoned.

During a Thunderstorm

- When you hear thunder, you may already be within range of where the next ground flash may occur.
- The 30/30 rule is commonly used as a guideline for risk, count the seconds between seeing lightning and hearing thunder - if it is less than 30 seconds then you should seek shelter and get to a safe location, e.g., indoors (ideally structures with four solid walls and electrical and telephone wiring) or into a vehicle until the lightning has passed.
- Keep watching and listening - 30 minutes after the last thunder /lightning it should be safe to resume (this is because electrical charges can still linger in clouds after a thunderstorm has seemingly passed).
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Unsafe areas and situations include:

- Open spaces, especially where large numbers of people are assembled together;
- Close vicinity to large structures or trees;
- Small permanent and temporary structures and shelters especially metal structures;
- Under a single tree or a small group of trees;
- Close to a large body of water;
- In open areas;
- Close to antenna towers;
- Anything that increases a person's height (umbrellas etc.);
- Use of any type of telephone.
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If someone is struck by lightning, getting them immediate assistance and prompt application of CPR could well save their life. People who have been struck by lightning do not carry any electrical charge so CPR can be applied without risk to the first aider.

Chi abbia difficoltà a capire questa lettera è pregato di rivolgersi all'ufficio per aiuto.

