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## **Solar Eclipse – Friday 20 March**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday 20th March, there will be a partial solar eclipse which I understand will be between approximately 8.40am and 10.40 a.m.

This is a relatively rare event and is a fabulous learning opportunity but obviously there are many risks involved in trying to view a solar eclipse. I have considered organising something here at school and have sought advice from a range of sources, however, there are considerable health and safety issues associated with observing solar-eclipses which include irreparable damage to children's eyes if they were to look directly at the sun. As such, we have taken the view that it is not possible to manage a mass viewing for over 500 children safely.

In school we will be watching live links to the eclipse on the computer screen and will experience the darkness from within the classroom. We will not however, be taking children outside to 'view' the eclipse as there are too many dangers involved in looking directly at the sun.

I hope that this is all clear and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely

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