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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware the country will be treated to a partial eclipse of the Sun tomorrow. It will begin at 8.25am and should be completed by 10.40am.

The next partial eclipse will not be until 2026, so we want our children to participate in this historic event. However, there are serious health and safety issues to consider. With this in mind, **upon arrival to school (from 8.40am) could we ask you to please bring children straight into school** so that all the children can begin to watch the eclipse on our Interactive Whiteboards through a live stream.

**Walking bus will be cancelled, but Mrs Mason will be available in the Village Hall from 8.15am, for those children who would normally use the Walking Bus on this day.**

We will then bring groups out to watch the eclipse through a colander! - please see diagram below.

By far the simplest way to view an eclipse is to use an item you normally find in the kitchen: a colander. Stand with your back to the Sun and hold the colander in one hand and a piece of paper in the other. Hold the colander between the Sun and the paper and watch as you safely observe many images of the eclipse on one piece of paper!



**If you do not wish your child to view the eclipse outside, please inform their class teacher and they will continue to view the eclipse via the live streaming.**

Best wishes,

Alison Dugdale  
Headteacher