

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Early School Closure due to Red Weather Alert (Heatwave)

I am writing to inform you of an important adjustment to our school schedule this week. As you may be aware, the Met Office has issued a rare Red Weather Warning for an extreme heatwave, which is in place from Wednesday 9:00 AM through to 9:00 PM on Thursday. According to the Met Office, this is reserved for the most severe events and they're expecting severe and significant impacts from this heatwave, with risk of ill-health to otherwise healthy-people becoming more likely.

The Government's Department of Education has provided advice that during hot weather, schools should avoid full closures. This is because school attendance is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. However, schools can take steps necessary to make sure children are safe and comfortable.

The safety, health, and wellbeing of our children and staff is always our absolute priority. Due to the projected extreme temperatures inside and outside the classrooms and after fully reviewing our risk assessment, we have taken proactive action to protect our pupils.

Therefore, on **Wednesday 24th June and Thursday 25th June**, school will be closing early at **1:30 PM** for **ALL children**. Please ensure that arrangements are in place to collect your child promptly at this time. We expect standard, full time school hours to resume on Friday 26th June - however we will continue to evaluate this.

While the children are with us during the cooler morning hours, please help us keep them safe by ensuring they arrive with:

- Uniform: Children may wear appropriate PE kits all week for comfort. Please avoid jumpers, trousers, vest tops, or crop tops.
- Footwear: Trainers must be worn; flip-flops are not permitted.
- Hydration: All children must bring a reusable water bottle.
- Sun Protection: Please apply sun cream before school. Children may bring their own to reapply, provided they can do so independently.

Please note, all PE lessons and outdoor learning (including EYFS outdoor provision and play) have been cancelled for the remainder of this week. All lunchtimes will also be indoors to minimise any extraneous activity and to avoid direct sunlight.

We understand that early closures can cause inconvenience for families, and we do not take these decisions lightly. However, the severity of this heatwave requires us to put our children's wellbeing first. Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and quick cooperation. If you have any urgent queries regarding these arrangements, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Lloyd', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Lloyd
Headteacher