

Tuesday 23 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

School Closure – Wednesday and Thursday

Thank you for your continued support during this period of hot weather. We would like to again, recognise our students, who have demonstrated positive behaviour, resilience and a strong focus on their learning despite the challenging conditions in school.

Following a full risk assessment, ongoing monitoring of temperatures on site, and liaison with the Local Authority, I am writing to inform you that the school will be closed to all students on Wednesday 24 June and Thursday 25 June due to the forecast of extreme temperatures. The school will reopen as normal on Friday 26 June, when conditions are forecast to significantly improve.

We have been closely monitoring conditions throughout the school day and, whilst current classroom temperatures are high but manageable, forecasts indicate a further rise in temperature and humidity over the next two days. Despite the measures we have already put in place such as adapting lessons, providing portable air conditioning, relaxing uniform expectations, improving ventilation and closely monitoring indoor conditions, the projected increase in heat means that we will no longer be able to maintain safe classroom environments. As a result, classrooms will become unsafe for students and staff for sustained periods of teaching and learning, particularly as children are more vulnerable to the effects of increased temperatures, and it is for this reason that the school is closing.

This decision is based on:

- Consistently high and rising classroom temperatures
- Increased difficulty in maintaining safe indoor conditions
- Risks associated with travel during the hottest parts of the day.

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We have also met with and discussed the situation alongside our local cluster schools, who are facing similar challenges and are taking comparable actions. In reaching this decision, we carefully considered alternative options, including a partial opening. However, this would place additional pressure on families to travel during the hottest parts of the day and collect children early, alongside existing transport difficulties, including disruption to public transport services such as National Rail.

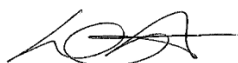
In line with Department for Education guidance, schools must take all reasonable steps to ensure buildings remain safe during extreme weather, including modifying or ceasing use where conditions pose a risk. Additionally, under Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), we have a clear duty to safeguard the welfare of students and act where there are concerns about their health and safety. This decision has been made following a careful and thorough risk assessment.

To ensure that learning continues, work will be set for all students on Class Charts, and students are asked to engage with this learning as appropriate. Further details outlining expectations will be shared via a FAQ for Parents/Carers later today to help address any common questions.

We fully appreciate the inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding, patience and continued support as we navigate this situation. We will continue to monitor conditions and confirm any further updates if required.

Once again, thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Friday.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Cambridge
Headteacher



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Chair of Governors

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.