

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

Dear families

**Arrangements for Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June – Extreme Heat (Red Alert)**

I am writing to inform you that following the issue of a red weather warning for extreme heat by the Met office, and after careful consideration of the health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff we have made the decision to close the school on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June.

A red warning is the highest level of weather alert issued by the Met office and indicates there is significant risk to life and serious disruption. Currently warnings have forecast temperatures for our local area to reach 37 Celsius on Wednesday and up to 39 Celsius on Thursday, with the highest temperatures predicted during the school day. The UK Health Protection Authority has also issued a Red Warning indicating significant risk to health even in the healthy population. So, after careful consideration and with the strong advice from our Trust (please see the attached letter from Gary Lewis CEO), we have made the decision that unfortunately we are not able to provide sufficient mitigation within our school to ensure that pupils and staff remain safe in such extreme temperatures.

We appreciate that the decision will cause disruptions for families, however, the safety and wellbeing of our school community must remain our highest priority. We will be issuing food vouchers to all families in receipt of free school meals (this is not universal FSM) and these will be processed tomorrow.

We will remain **open tomorrow and Friday**, however, we have decided to postpone the planned sports day on Friday as weather conditions look like they could still be very hot.

We recognise that this unexpected closure will be disruptive to learning. To try and minimize impact, members of the team will add activities (on the class pages of the school website) that pupils may enjoy doing whilst they endeavour to stay cool. These are not compulsory but any completed activities can be shared with class teachers on the Friday.

Year 6 parents – we are awaiting confirmation around the planned drama day at Churchill Academy on Wednesday, but are predicting a similar response and school closure. We will communicate once we have had any updates.

I will share any further updates with you tomorrow.

Kind regards

*Lorraine*

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