

**Our Ref: DJ/JL**

Dear Parents/carers

As you are aware, we have been monitoring the temperatures and classroom conditions over the last week and particularly today due to the very hot weather conditions. We have made a number of adjustments and mitigations in order to keep the school open today including:

- Relaxing school uniform
- Avoiding physical exertion activities.
- Closure of the blinds in classrooms
- Ventilation from 6am each day
- Use of fans
- Access to drinking water
- Adapting lessons
- Stopped using classrooms that could not be cooled adequately

However due to the expected increases in temperature from even earlier in the morning tomorrow we have concluded that we will need to **close to pupils tomorrow** on Tuesday 19 July.

We have considered finishing at 12:15pm but unfortunately the buses cannot accommodate this and pupils would be walking home in the mid-day heat.

If you are a Keyworker, critical to education or care, or if you have no alternative and need a school place tomorrow please use the google form <https://forms.gle/PbGG2VZAKD4DB4YK8> to register. We have done our utmost to remain open and this decision has not been taken lightly, however the safety of all involved is at the heart of the decision.

I apologise for the disruption it may bring to our families, however if you do need a school place please do contact us. Work will be set by teachers on Google Classroom and teachers will remind pupils of their log in details this afternoon. We are mindful that the stay cool advice recommends not using electronic devices due to temperature when operating and would recommend that pupils complete work as you see fit. Please follow all the advice and keep as safe and as cool as possible.

For those in receipt of free school meals a cold packed lunch will be prepared and can be collected from 10:45am. If you have any concerns or require any further support please do not hesitate to contact us.

School will reopen on Wednesday 20 July when temperatures are set to drop. Please also note pupils will remain in relaxed uniform for the remainder of the term.

Yours Sincerely



**D Jeffries**  
**Headteacher**

**'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16**  
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