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*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

Thursday 25 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: School Closure – Red Heat Alert

Following updated advice this morning, we have made the difficult decision to close the school tomorrow, **Friday 26 June**.

This has not been an easy decision to make. Throughout this week's heatwave, we have remained open and put a range of measures in place to keep everyone safe. We have adapted the school day, kept children indoors during the hottest parts of the day, ensured regular drinks and breaks, and offered families the option to collect their children early in the afternoon.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff, who have been incredible this week. They have worked so hard to support the children and make sure they have remained safe and as comfortable as possible in very difficult conditions.

This morning, the **Red Heat-Health Alert** for the South East was updated and remains in place until tomorrow evening. The advice warns of the serious risks associated with the extreme temperatures and highlights the difficulties of working and learning in very hot indoor environments.

Although we have done everything we can to keep the school as cool as possible, by the afternoon temperatures inside the building become extremely high. As we have very limited spare indoor spaces to move classes into, it becomes increasingly difficult to keep children and staff cool and comfortable. The safety and wellbeing of our children and staff must always come first.

The forecast shows that temperatures will reduce over the weekend and, provided this remains the case, we intend to go ahead with our **Summer Fayre on Saturday** and **Sports Day on Monday** as planned. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Fayre and to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday.

Thank you for your understanding and support throughout this week. We know that this decision may cause some inconvenience, but we believe it is the right one in the interests of keeping everyone safe.



We hope you all manage to stay cool over the next couple of days, and we look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday and welcoming everyone back to school on Monday.

Yours sincerely,



Celine Hawkins
Headteacher

