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Dear Parents/Carers

In light of the current Met Office red weather warning for extreme heat, I am writing to you to outline my decision to close the school for Wednesday 24 June 2026. We appreciate this message is being shared later in the day. Our intention had been to remain open, with adjustments in place in line with our risk assessment to manage the extreme temperatures safely. However, due to additional staffing pressures arising from closures at other schools and the resulting strain on our team, we are unable to maintain safe staff-to-pupil ratios. For this reason, we have made the difficult decision to close the school tomorrow.

As Headteacher, I have a duty of care to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of both pupils and staff. During periods of extreme heat, particularly in a building such as ours where many classrooms are south-facing and contain a significant amount of glass, conditions can become increasingly challenging and, at times, unsafe.

Given the changeable nature of the weather forecast, a decision regarding the following day's arrangements will be made daily, just before 1:00pm. Communication will be shared with families via our usual channels as soon as a decision has been reached.

Please note that all options for subsequent days will be carefully considered, including:

- Full-day closure
- Partial (half-day) closure

Any decision taken will prioritise the health and wellbeing of our children, particularly as a number are already finding the high temperatures difficult to manage within the school environment.

We recognise that this may cause some disruption, and we appreciate your understanding and support as we take a cautious and responsible approach to safeguarding our school community. Your child will be able to access online learning through Sparx Reader and Maths Watch for Years 7 – 9. Staff will post work for Years 10 and 12 onto Teams directly.

Thank you for your continued understanding

Yours sincerely

MRS A DAVIES
Headteacher/Pennaeth

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