



24th June 2026,

Dear Parents and Carers,

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As you will be aware, exceptionally high temperatures are forecast to continue tomorrow. Despite all the measures we have put in place to keep classrooms as cool as possible, yesterday our classroom temperatures reached **32.4°C**.

We have used fans throughout the school, opened windows wherever possible, lowered blinds, adapted activities, and ensured that children are wearing their summer uniform. Unfortunately, due to the design of our building and its south-facing position, these measures have had very little impact. By early afternoon, classrooms become extremely hot and uncomfortable places in which to learn.

Our Trust's Hot Weather Risk Assessment states that action should be taken when indoor temperatures exceed **26°C**. Temperatures well above this level can significantly affect children's health, wellbeing, concentration and comfort, while also increasing the risk of dehydration, heat exhaustion and other heat-related illnesses. Staff are also working in these conditions while continuing to provide the highest standard of care for all pupils.

After carefully considering all available options, we are **strongly encouraging** parents and carers who are able to do so to collect their child at **1.15pm tomorrow**. By reducing the number of children remaining in classrooms during the hottest part of the afternoon, we can lower indoor temperatures, make supervision more manageable, and provide a safer and more comfortable environment for those pupils who genuinely need to remain in school.

We fully appreciate that leaving work or changing plans at short notice is not possible for every family, and we understand the inconvenience this request may cause. Please be assured that the school will remain open until the normal finishing time of **3.30pm**, and children whose families are unable to collect early will continue to be supervised and cared for as usual.

However, if you are in a position to collect your child at **1.15pm**, we would be incredibly grateful if you could do so. Your support will make a real difference—not only to your own child, who will avoid spending the hottest part of the day in a very warm classroom, but



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also to the wellbeing of all pupils and staff by reducing the number of people in the building during the peak heat.

Many parents and carers will be attending Sports Day during the morning. Unfortunately, children cannot leave immediately after the event, in line with our risk assessment, as temperatures will not have peaked until the afternoon.

If you are able to collect your child at **1.15pm**, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements and ensure your child is ready for collection.

We appreciate your understanding, flexibility and continued support as we work together to keep everyone safe during this period of exceptional heat.

Mrs Sarah Briggs

Headteacher