



Ascendancy
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you further to our previous communications regarding the current heatwave conditions affecting all schools.

Following further review of the situation today, including the introduction of a Red Health Alert and along with a survey of staffing availability across the Trust, we have taken the difficult decision to continue with the school closure until the end of the week.

While we recognise the expectation that schools remain open wherever possible, the health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff must remain our overriding priority. A significant number of our staff are parents of school-aged children whose own schools have been required to close due to the extreme heat. As a result, we do not have sufficient staffing capacity to safely meet required supervision ratios across our provisions.

Given the complexity of need within our pupil cohort, and the heightened risks presented by the current temperatures, we cannot assure safe operation on reduced staffing levels.

Attendance and next steps

The closure now applies for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We anticipate that the predicted cooler temperatures over the weekend should enable us to open as normal on Monday. However we will continue to review the situation in line with national guidance and local conditions, and we will communicate with you as early as possible regarding any changes to these arrangements.

We recognise the impact that this decision may have on families and have not taken it lightly. However, we are clear that this is the safest and most responsible course of action in the current circumstances.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we navigate these exceptional conditions together.

If you have any questions relating to the closure, please contact Brookfields for further information via office @brookfields.sch.uk

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