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Early Closure Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Due to the anticipated forecasts of 38-degree temperatures on Monday and Tuesday next week, we have taken the decision to close the school early on those days.

Please collect your child promptly at 1.30pm on Monday and Tuesday next week.

There will be no afternoon nursery session on those days

It is not a decision taken lightly, and I do appreciate the inconvenience caused – however, the structure of the school site, infrastructure and limited a/c areas means that temperatures in the building could be very high.

Children cannot control their body temperature as efficiently as adults during hot weather because they do not sweat as much and so can be at risk of ill-health from heat. Heat-related illness can range from mild heat stress to potentially life-threatening heatstroke.

We have a risk assessment for hot weather and the children have been managing very well these last few weeks. My concern is that, with the very high temperatures predicted, we will not be able to keep the buildings cool and I need to ensure that children do not suffer as a result.

We are still awaiting updated guidance from the DfE following the upgrade to a Level 4 heatwave alert. I wanted to give you early notice of our decision to close early so am sending this letter now. Should information or weather reviews change, we will inform you immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours faithfully

Ms E Davies
Headteacher

