

10<sup>th</sup> July 2025

To Parents/ Carers,

**Half day closure due to yellow heat warning – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

I am sorry to inform you that we have had to take the difficult decision to close the school tomorrow at 12.30pm.

Our building has very limited air conditioning and has many windows. We have already had to close the field today because the recent heatwaves have created dangerous cracks across the whole of the field. Today the tarmac on the playgrounds was dangerously hot and melted the plastic feet on a chair and it was 34° C inside some of our classrooms before lunchtime.

I realise this is very short notice and we would not be making this decision this evening unless it was absolutely necessary. The health and safety of our children and staff must be our priority.

If you are unable to pick up your child from school tomorrow at 12.30pm please let us know as soon as possible by emailing [admin@njs.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@njs.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk) . For these children that stay, we will utilise the three air conditioned spaces in school for the remainder of the afternoon, please note spaces are incredibly limited.

Thank you for your support.

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