

June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Important: Early Collection Option Today Due to Extreme Heat

Due to the exceptionally high temperatures today, we have carried out a full health and safety risk assessment across the school.

Despite implementing a range of measures — including increased ventilation, use of shaded areas, adapted timetables, additional water breaks and reduced physical activity — conditions within a number of classrooms remain significantly elevated. As a result, we are concerned about:

- the **health, safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff**, particularly in sustained high temperatures
- the **risk of heat-related illness**, including dehydration and heat stress
- our ability to **continue to provide a safe and meaningful learning environment** for all pupils

The safety of our school community is always our highest priority.

Early Collection Option – 1:30pm

We are therefore offering parents and carers the option to **collect their child early today from 1:30pm**.

- If you wish to collect your child, please initially arrive at reception at **1:30pm**
- Normal safeguarding procedures will remain in place for collection
- All pupils will be supervised safely until collection

For Families Unable to Collect Early

We recognise that early collection will not be possible for all families.

- The school will remain **open until the normal end of the day**
- Pupils who remain in school will continue to be **closely supervised**, with ongoing adaptations to minimise risk (e.g. quieter activities, hydration, shaded spaces)

Next Steps

We will continue to monitor temperatures closely and review conditions for tomorrow. Further communication will be sent if any additional changes are required.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we take these precautionary steps.

If you have any urgent queries, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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