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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your incredible support over the last few days. I would also like to say a huge well done to our students, who have continued to attend school and do their very best to remain focused and engaged in what have been particularly challenging and unusually hot conditions.

As promised, I said that I would write to parents with a further update regarding any additional measures we may need to implement to ensure that students and staff can remain safe and as comfortable as possible during this period of extreme weather.

Following a further review of classroom temperatures this afternoon, I have made the decision to partially close the school at 12:35pm on each of the next two days (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July). This will support students in returning home before the temperature peaks in the afternoon.

The school will ensure that students who are entitled to free school meals are able to access their meal allowance during Break 1 on both days.

### **School Transport**

Please also note that the usual bus transport arrangements will not be available at this earlier finish time. We therefore kindly ask parents and carers to make appropriate arrangements for their child to be collected from school at **12:35pm** over the next two days.

We appreciate that some of our students may be vulnerable, and some families may require their child to remain in school. Should you wish for your child to remain on site during the afternoon, please complete this [Microsoft Form link](#), providing your child's name and year group. We will ensure appropriate supervision and provision is in place for those students who need to remain in school.

This has been an incredibly difficult decision to make. The Department for Education's guidance is clear that schools should remain open during periods of hot weather, and I fully support that principle. However, given the current Red Weather Warning forecast and the temperatures being experienced within parts of the building, I believe that an earlier finish over the next two days is the most appropriate course of action to support the wellbeing and safety of both students and staff.



### **Uniform Arrangements**

To help students remain comfortable, the following uniform options will apply over the next two days:

**Option 1:** Normal school uniform, with blazers and ties removed.

**Option 2:** The Hart School branded PE kit, including black leggings if preferred.

### **Remote Learning**

The school will provide a remote learning platform for students to access during the afternoon period. This can be accessed by visiting the school website and clicking the pop-up link displayed on the homepage. Alternatively, students can access the materials via the Remote Learning Platform section of the website.

### **Water Safety**

Finally, we kindly ask that you discuss [water safety](#) with your child and reinforce the importance of making safe choices.

As you may be aware, there have unfortunately been a number of incidents nationally this year involving young people entering open water during periods of hot weather. Please can I stress the importance of discussing water safety with your child and ensuring they understand how to stay safe around rivers, lakes, reservoirs and other open water environments, particularly over the next couple of days.

Once again, thank you for your continued support, understanding and patience. It is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Sandham'.

Miss R Sandham  
**Principal**