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Dear Families,

I am writing to provide an update on our school's opening status for Friday, following my message on Tuesday regarding the emergency heatwave closures.

While the Met Office Red weather warning officially expires on Thursday evening at 11:59 p.m. temperatures are remaining high on Friday. Our rural site retains heat significantly, and internal temperatures have remained exceptionally high. Therefore, following a further review of the local forecast and detailed consultation with the Chair of Governors, we have taken the difficult decision to extend the full school closure to include Friday 26th June.

The safety and physical wellbeing of our pupils and staff must remain our absolute priority. We believe this is the most responsible, proportionate decision given the sustained, multi-day nature of this weather event.

Remote Learning

Online learning materials will continue to be provided by teachers on our usual platforms for Friday. We ask that the children engage with these activities as much as they are comfortably able to do so in the conditions.

Next Week

With cooler air finally forecast to arrive over the weekend, we fully anticipate welcoming all children back to school on Monday morning.

Thank you once again for your understanding and supportive messages during an incredibly challenging week,

Many best wishes,

Mr Ian Hickman
Executive Headteacher

