



Willingdon

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that, regrettably, the school will be closed to students tomorrow.

Although there are currently no children on site, we have carefully monitored conditions within the school building over the last few days and have found that classroom temperatures have reached extreme levels that are not suitable for teaching and learning. We have now confirmed that our area is within the Red Heat Zone and following a full risk assessment, we do not believe it is safe to open the school to students.

We considered a partial closure and the possibility of dismissing students early. However, without a bus service available to support this arrangement, many students would be required to make their own way home during the hottest part of the day, which would present additional safety concerns.

To minimise disruption to learning, work has been set for all students by 9am on Friday and is available via EduLink. Students should access their lessons and complete the tasks provided by their teachers.

We would also encourage families to follow the advice issued by the Met Office on staying safe during periods of extreme heat, including keeping hydrated, staying out of direct sunlight during the hottest parts of the day, and checking on vulnerable family members and neighbours. The Met Office also provides important guidance on water safety. While it may be tempting to cool off in rivers, lakes, reservoirs, or the sea, we ask that families remind young people of the risks associated with open water and follow all local safety advice.

We appreciate that this decision may cause inconvenience for families. However, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff must remain our priority.

The Battlefields trip will still happen. There is an air conditioned coach provided. The meeting time still remains at 3.45am from outside the school.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs May
Headteacher