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Principal: Mrs P Bohacek

22nd June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Arrangements during extreme temperatures

In light of the anticipated extreme temperatures this week and to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our students and staff, we have taken the decision to **close the school to all students early at 1.15pm each day from Tuesday 23 June 2026 to Thursday 25 June 2026 inclusive**. This decision has been made as a precautionary measure, designed to protect the wellbeing of our school community by enabling students to return home early, following The Met Office Red warning for extreme heat.

While we have taken every reasonable step to make the school environment as comfortable as possible, the combination of exceptionally high temperatures and the school population make it increasingly difficult to maintain suitably cool learning spaces during periods of extreme heat.

Students will be escorted to taxis at 1.15pm. If your child is unable to leave at 1.15 pm, please be assured that staff will be available on site to supervise them until the end of the school day. We kindly ask you to send a confirmation email to our Reception Team at whs.reception-team@westheathschool.com to let us know what your child will be doing on each day.

Prom Tuesday 23rd June 2026

We would like to confirm that the upcoming Prom will go ahead as planned, despite the current extreme weather conditions. As you will appreciate, a number of external bookings—including the DJ and décor—have been secured well in advance, making it impractical to change the date at this late stage of the year. However, we have taken additional steps to ensure students remain as comfortable as possible, including adjusting the location, providing increased access to hydration, and arranging fans and other measures to help manage the heat. We are very keen for this special event to go ahead so we can celebrate the end of the year with our Year 11 and Sixth Form students, and we will continue to prioritise their wellbeing throughout the evening.

Please drop the participating students at 4.30pm and collect them at 8.00pm.



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Sixth Form

For Sixth Form students based onsite at West Heath, the same arrangements will apply as for the rest of the school, with an early finish at 1.15pm on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June as part of the planned closure arrangements. **However, for students who attend college provisions, normal attendance is expected and usual college hours will continue, unless students are informed otherwise directly by their college providers.** We appreciate your cooperation in following these arrangements to ensure consistency and continuity during this period.

As a parent/carer, if you feel that your child is better able to cope during this heatwave, by remaining at home, kindly advise us and we will ensure that work and support is available for them, as indeed it will be for all students leaving at 1.15pm.

Please contact SEND transport and ensure they are aware of these changes. As a courtesy, we too will advise SEND transport.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we implement these steps to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of our school community.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Photini Bohacek
Principal

