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Dear Parents/Carers

As we suspect you will be aware, the Met Office has issued a red alert for extreme heat for the middle of this week. Our classrooms do not have air conditioning and during the day, the room temperature can increase to significantly above the temperature outside.

Throughout Monday and today, we have taken a range of measures to keep children as cool and comfortable as possible. These have included:

- Keeping blinds closed where appropriate to reduce the heat entering classrooms
- Opening windows and doors to maximise airflow
- Ensuring children have had regular opportunities to drink water throughout the day
- Adapting activities and encouraging children to remain in cooler, shaded areas wherever possible

We have reviewed our Risk Assessment in light of this red alert being issued and have after careful consideration have determined that the school cannot operate safely for students on **Wednesday 24th June** and **Thursday 25th June**.

We had very much wanted to avoid this outcome, but the red warning of extreme heat means that we must prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of both students and staff.

Remote learning activities for all children are on the website for children to complete. This can be found under the "children" heading where you can select the relevant year group.

Children who are entitled to free school meals will receive a separate email informing you of how you can collect a packed lunch for your child.

The **Year 2 Seaside trip** will be rearranged and information about this will be sent in due course. Likewise all in school events planned for these two days such as picnics and "Come and Learn" will be postponed.

Friday - currently, the forecast suggests a drop in temperature. We will continue to assess the risks, but at present we believe that the school will be open. As it may still be warm on Friday, all pupils will still be

able to attend school in PE Kit. Key Stage 2 Come and Learn will not take place on Friday, a new date will be sent in due course.

Finally, please know that we are not taking this decision lightly. We appreciate the impact on families. Our instinct is always to stay open and continue as much as we can, but on this occasion we do not think that it is safe to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Beesley and Mrs Kelloway