

22 June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that, due to the current period of exceptionally high temperatures and the Red Weather Warning issued by the Met Office, the school will be closing on **Wednesday 24 June** and **Thursday 25 June**. We will reopen on **Friday 26 June 2026**. This decision has been made in order to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of our students and staff.

We have taken this step following careful consideration, as high indoor temperatures can make learning difficult and pose significant health risks, particularly for younger children and anyone with underlying health conditions. We have assessed the situation across our two sites and three buildings, and we are unable to put measures in place that would sufficiently mitigate these risks. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will provide further updates as necessary.

Free School Meals

We are working to ensure that vouchers are available for students who are entitled to Free School Meals. We will share more information regarding this tomorrow.

School Work

We will be in contact tomorrow to update parents/carers and students on the arrangements and expectations regarding the setting and completion of remote school work. We recognise the impact of the heat and emphasise that students should work safely. We appreciate that completing work might not be possible for some students. We also understand that some individuals may have additional responsibilities, such as acting as a young carer, and therefore expectations for remote work will remain proportionate and flexible.

Keeping Children Safe and Cool at Home

During this period of hot weather, we recommend taking the following steps to help keep your child comfortable and safe:

- **Stay hydrated:** Encourage your child to drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- **Keep indoors during peak heat:** Avoid outdoor activities between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM where possible.

- **Create a cool environment:** Keep curtains or blinds closed in sunny rooms, and open windows in the early morning or late evening to allow cooler air to circulate.
- **Dress appropriately:** Loose, light-coloured clothing is best in hot weather.
- **Use sunscreen:** Apply a high-factor sunscreen if your child is outside and reapply it regularly.
- **Rest and quiet activities:** Encourage calm indoor activities to prevent overheating.

Please also remain vigilant for signs of heat-related illness, such as headaches, dizziness, or unusual tiredness, and seek medical advice if needed.

Avoiding Dangerous Activities

It is natural that some teenagers may think it is a good idea during a heatwave to go to a river or lake to stay cool, or to meet up with friends in public parks. However, these activities (particularly when mixed with alcohol) can lead to an increased risk of serious harm. We encourage you to remind your child of these dangers. [This BBC article serves as a timely reminder.](#)

School Events Scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday

- **The Year 13 Prom:** This is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 24 June at the Bristol Harbour Hotel. We have liaised with the venue to risk-assess the event, and **this event will go ahead as planned.** Mr. Shaw (Assistant Headteacher – Head of Sixth Form) will provide more information shortly.
- **The Year 6 Parents'/Carers' Evening:** This was scheduled to take place on Thursday 25 June in the Main School Hall. We have risk-assessed this event and, unfortunately, **it will not be able to go ahead in person.** Mr. Morgan (Deputy Headteacher – Pastoral, Inclusion, and Ethos) will be in contact to update Year 6 parents/carers on the alternative arrangements we are putting in place. We are very sorry that we are unable to hold this event in person.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time. If you have any urgent queries, please contact us at enquiries@smrt.bristol.sch.uk as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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