



23rd June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

A number of parents have contacted the school querying my communication around whether the school is open or not. I can confirm the school remains fully open! I would only normally contact if there was a closure. However, I am aware that a number of schools locally have decided to close at lunchtime which may have caused confusion.

For clarity, **today**, the DFE have informed schools they should remain open, which I am in agreement with. As it is hot, whether children will be in school or not, I believe there is no greater risk in staying open than closing early. Indeed, the risk of closing to children may outweigh the risks of staying open, proven by the number of teenage deaths, due to drowning, during the hot weather in May Half Term, something we all hope is not repeated this week.

Large swathes of this school are air conditioned; the grounds are pleasant with lots of trees for shade, water filling stations are available and uniform and curriculum expectations have been relaxed. School generally will be much cooler than a large number of homes and actually offers some respite from the heat for 6 ½ hours a day.

Some schools, however, may take this decision because their building or grounds provide different challenges. We may then be impacted on staying open by staff absence caused by closure of other schools where their children may be educated. I will keep you updated if anything changes.

School closures can be divisive. When there is a clear issue such as no electricity or water we must close. However, for weather it is important, if we can, to remain open as school closures have a significant impact on the efficient provision of other services. For those that are unhappy with this decision to remain open many more will be supportive. Ultimately if a parent decides it is in the best interest to keep their child at home, then you must do what you think is best at this time, this could especially be the case for students with respiratory conditions or other underlying health concerns. Please do contact us if this is the case.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher