



Date: 24th June 2026

REt: Urgent Notice: Temporary School Closure Due to Extreme Weather Warning

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Met Office upgraded the weather warning to Red this week. Following this announcement, I have carefully considered all available options, including remaining fully open, implementing a partial closure, and closing the school completely. Today we remained partially open.

Having taken into account the current and forecast temperatures within classrooms, the anticipated impact of the extreme heat today in classrooms, the closure of a number of local nurseries and primary schools, and the challenges associated with travelling and learning in such conditions, **I have made the decision to close Oakbank School on Thursday 25th June.**

I appreciate that short notice closures can be disruptive for families. However, the safety, wellbeing, and welfare of our students and staff must remain our highest priority.

Remote Learning Arrangements

Students can access learning online through Greenshaw Learning provision found here <https://www.greenshawlearningtrust.co.uk/virtual-curriculum>. Please ask your child to check this evening that they can log in successfully and access their classes.

Free School Meals (FSM)

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we will arrange a voucher for each day that the school is closed. We will contact you directly with the details of this support.

Examinations

Mock Examinations: Any end-of-year mock examinations scheduled for Thursday will be rescheduled for Friday 26th.

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Arrangements for Friday 26th June

At present, **Friday 26th June will operate as a partial closed day with School finishing at 1.15.** Should there be any changes to these arrangements, we will communicate them on Thursday afternoon.

- **Uniform:** Students may continue to wear their **PE kit on Friday.** A decision regarding uniform arrangements for next week will be reviewed on Friday and communicated to families as soon as possible.

Heat Safety Reminders

As temperatures remain exceptionally high, we would also like to remind students to take appropriate precautions. Please ensure that your child has access to a **refillable water bottle** and encourage them to stay well-hydrated throughout the day. We also recommend the use of **sun cream** and, where appropriate, a **hat** for additional protection when outdoors.

Thank you for your understanding, flexibility, and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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