

Fiveways School

A Specialist School for 'Communication & Interaction'

Fiveways School adopts a rigorous approach and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.



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"What does a good life look like for me now and in the future?"

Monday 22nd June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, we are currently experiencing a period of exceptionally hot weather. We have now received updated information from the Met Office indicating that temperatures are expected to reach extreme levels this week, with a Red Warning for Extreme Heat forecast for Wednesday 24 June and Thursday 25 June. Temperatures are expected to reach approximately 39°C.

In light of this forecast, and after carefully considering the risks to pupils and staff, we have made the difficult decision to **close the school on Wednesday 24 June and Thursday 25 June.**

Our school buildings are not air-conditioned and already become extremely hot during periods of hot weather. Given the vulnerability of many of our pupils, particularly those with complex medical needs, the risks associated with extreme heat, dehydration, and overheating are significant. We have a duty to take all reasonable steps to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of everyone on site.

Tomorrow will also be exceptionally hot, with temperatures at the Amber Warning rising towards the Red Warning threshold. School will be open as normal however we ask that you consider the needs of your child's health and wellbeing and to consider if they will be able manage at school in what is extreme heat. Please update school as soon as possible tonight or in the morning.

We understand that these changes may cause inconvenience and appreciate that a decision of this nature can be challenging for families. However, the safety of our pupils and staff must remain our priority, and we believe these measures are necessary given the forecast conditions.

I have attached screenshots from the Met Office relating to the weather forecast. You may also wish to visit the Met Office website for the latest updates.

Should the forecast change significantly and the Red Warning no longer apply, we will review our decision and communicate any updates as soon as possible. Otherwise, the school will reopen as normal on Friday, 26 June.

Thank you for your understanding, support, and cooperation.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Swavek Nowakiewicz
Headteacher



UK weather warnings

Mon 22 Jun Tue 23 Jun **Wed 24 Jun** Thu 25 Jun Fri 26 Jun No warnings Sat 27 Jun No warnings Sun 28 Jun No warnings

Red warning
Extreme heat

09:00 Wed 24 ----- 21:00 Thu 25

An exceptional spell of hot and humid weather is expected across this region, with impacts to the general population highly likely.

What should I expect?

- Population-wide adverse health effects experienced, not limited to those most vulnerable to extreme heat, leading to serious illness or danger to life
- Substantial changes in working practices and daily routines will be required
- High risk of failure of heat-sensitive systems and equipment, with the loss of power and other essential services, such as water, electricity, gas or mobile phone services
- Significantly more people visiting coastal areas, lakes and rivers, leading to an increased risk of water safety incidents
- Delays on roads and road closures, along with delays and cancellations to rail and air travel, with significant welfare issues for those who experience even moderate delays

What should I do?

Keep yourself safe by following these simple steps to reduce the likelihood of the heat making you feel unwell; drink plenty of fluids, keep out of the sun and avoid any exercise between 11am-3pm when the sun is strongest and close curtains in rooms that face the sun. If you are going out take water with you, stay in the shade, wear sunscreen and a wide brimmed hat.

Keep yourself safe whilst enjoying the water in this weather by following these simple steps: enter the water gradually, avoiding jumping or diving straight in, to reduce your risk of cold-water

WEDNESDAY

39°C

Sunny

Feels like 38° Rain <5% Max gust 17mph Very High pollen

Wednesday's warnings 1 of 2

Red warning
Extreme heat
Wednesday 9am to Thursday 9pm

Today	Tue 23 Jun	Wed 24 Jun	Thu 25 Jun	Fri 26 Jun	Sat 27 Jun	Sun 28 Jun
33° 19°	35° 15°	39° 20°	38° 17°	24° 16°	23° 14°	22° 13°

Hourly forecast

6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm
18°	21°	23°	26°	29°	32°	35°	37°	38°	38°	38°	37°
<5%	<5%	<5%	<5%	<5%	<5%	<5%	<5%	<5%	<5%	<5%	<5%
3mph	2mph	2mph	3mph	4mph	5mph	6mph	6mph	7mph	8mph	9mph	9mph

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