



# Highcliffe St. Mark Primary School & Fledglings Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Subject: Early Closure – Red Heat Alert (Wednesday & Thursday)

Staff have worked extremely hard to keep children safe and comfortable in very challenging temperatures. Despite measures such as increased hydration, ventilation, reduced activity and use of shaded areas, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain safe conditions throughout the full school day. Due to the Red Heat Alert and following careful risk assessment with the Local Authority and Governors, we will be closing the school at 1.15pm on Wednesday and Thursday for all pupils except pre-school.

School will close at 1.15pm for all pupils (except pre-school).

- All children must be collected after lunch between 1.15pm and 1.45pm from their usual collection points. This includes year 5 and 6 who would usually walk home alone.
- After School Club will not run on these days. Parents may choose to have missed sessions credited to their account or refunded. Please contact the ASC email to let us know which you prefer.

Fledglings will remain open as normal, as it is a fully air-conditioned building and can safely accommodate children during the extreme temperatures.

However, if parents choose to collect their pre-school child at the same time as their older sibling they can do so between 1.15 and 1.45pm.

The Kingfishers trip to Winchester is cancelled. We are working to rearrange this and will share updates shortly.

Learning for the afternoon on both days will be sent home with children at lunchtime on each day.

We will review the situation daily and currently anticipate a return to a full school day on Friday. We are also beginning to review longer-term options to help reduce the likelihood of this happening again in future periods of extreme heat.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Barker



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