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24th June 2026

Re: Closure Due to Continued Red Warning for Extreme Heat Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that, due to the continued Red Warning for extreme heat and to safeguard the health, safety, and wellbeing of pupils and staff, the school will remain closed on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June 2026. This follows the closure today and reflects the ongoing severe weather conditions.

Despite measures such as increased ventilation, access to water, and reduced physical activity, it is currently no longer safe or conducive to effective learning within the school.

We are also mindful of the risks associated with travelling to and from school in extreme heat, particularly for pupils undertaking long journeys across Lewisham using local authority or public transport.

In addition, limited access to breakout areas and playground spaces has significantly reduced opportunities for movement, outdoor time, and quieter spaces. This can impact pupils' ability to regulate, leading to increased dysregulation and affecting wellbeing, safety, and engagement in learning.

We appreciate that this continued closure may cause inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and support. This decision has been made following careful consideration and in line with health and safety guidance.

Next Steps: We will continue to monitor the situation and share updates on reopening arrangements. Please check your emails and the school website for the latest information.

If you have any urgent concerns, please contact the school office via email: admin@watergate.lewisham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely and with kind regards,

Linda Matthews

