



Cardiff High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure everyone will be aware that Cardiff is currently under an amber weather warning for extreme heat and that this will be escalated to a rare red weather warning for Wednesday and Thursday this week. This red warning provided by the Met Office indicates that there are expected to be severe adverse health effects experienced by all, not just limited to those most vulnerable to extreme heat, and that changes to working practices and daily routines will be required. The health, safety and wellbeing of our school community is of paramount importance.

We have carried out a risk assessment and have already put in place a number of mitigations to combat the extreme heat. However, despite these, it will be necessary to make further adjustments for the next two days.

Therefore, I write to advise you of a partial school closure for both Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June. The school will close at 12.30pm on both days so that pupils and staff are not on school site prior to the forecasted highest temperatures of the day. The school timetable will be amended on both days so that all pupils will attend all their curriculum lessons, which will be of a shorter duration. Details of this will be communicated directly to pupils by form tutors' tomorrow morning.

There will be a 20-minute break period on both days to enable pupils to access the canteen where a selection of cold snacks and sandwiches will be available.

We do not make decisions to close the school lightly. We trust that you understand the unprecedented nature of this weather warning means that we must take proactive steps and do so in the best interests of the safety and wellbeing of both pupils and staff.

The Year 9 SHRN trip tomorrow will now be cancelled and the Uniform Event that was due to take place on Thursday will be rearranged to a later date.

School will open as normal on Friday 26th June.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Mr S Thompson
Acting Headteacher