

Friday 15th July 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Considering the weather forecast for next week is suggesting extreme heat conditions, we are currently awaiting guidance from Ark or Redbridge as to whether we will take the decision to close early on Monday and Tuesday of next week. As it currently stands, government guidance is not stipulating closing or closing early, it is based on local contexts.

If we do make the decision to close the academy early, we will contact parents/carers by text in the morning by 09:00 to confirm this. In the event of an earlier finish, students will have a staggered finish from 12:10-12:30pm.

We appreciate that this may inconvenience parents/carers, which we do not want to do. Therefore, if you wish for your child to remain at the academy supervised until the end of the day, we will ensure to provide appropriate arrangements. Please complete [this form](#) **only if you do not want your child to be sent home early.**

To support students in the hot weather we are putting the following plans in place for Monday and Tuesday:

- Students can **wear PE kits on both days** even if they are not scheduled to have PE on either of the day. Students can wear shorts throughout the day, but these must be PE shorts. Please note, that **cycling shorts** or **lycra-based shorts** are not part of our PE kit and therefore not permitted.
- Students are **not expected to bring their blazers** into school
- At breaktimes/lunchtimes we will be encouraging students to stay inside and limiting physical activity
- Any PE lessons happening these days will have arrangements in place to ensure these are not held outside

We ask that you support us in the following ways, please ensure:

- Your child brings a **large water bottle of water** to school with them
- Your child has a **good breakfast** in the morning to give them energy for the day
- Your child puts on a **high factor sunscreen before school**

If we do make the decision to close early, students who are entitled to free school meals will be given the opportunity to take a packed lunch home with them.

Lastly, thank you in advance for your support on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'B' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Ms Banton
Vice Principal