



22nd June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the current weather alert and the forecast rise in temperatures on Tuesday, we have taken the decision to close the school early.

In addition, the Met Office has issued a **Red Weather Warning** from 9:00am on Wednesday until 9:00pm on Thursday. As a result, the school will be closed during this period. This decision has not been taken lightly and has been made to ensure the safety and wellbeing of both our students and staff.

We recognise that decisions of this nature can cause disruption locally, and all three Chippenham schools have worked together to coordinate arrangements and minimise any wider impact.

Arrangements are as follows:

- **Monday:** PE after school clubs cancelled
- **Tuesday:** School will close at 12:30pm (Families in receipt of free school meals will be sent online vouchers to cover lunches for the three days. School transport have been informed and Coachstyle buses will arrive at 12.30pm, rather than at the end of the day. Faresaver services will operate at their normal times. Please make alternative arrangements for your child to get home)
- **Wednesday:** School closed (Open Evening postponed to Thursday 24th September)
- **Thursday:** School closed (FOSS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale rescheduled to Thursday 2 July. Ten Tors Celebration Event postponed to next week and parents will be contacted)
- **Friday:** School open as normal (Olympic Fun Run cancelled)

Work will be provided online for students to complete during the closure period. Students can access the online curriculum here [Online Learning Resources - Sheldon School - Be Kind, Be Brave, Be the Best You](#) or complete their homework. This is in line with our Online Learning policy.

Year 10 Work Experience: Students who are currently on placements this week should continue to attend provided their workplace remains open and there are safe working conditions (i.e. air conditioning). If students feel that safe working conditions are not met, they **must** contact their employer to inform them that they will be unable to attend. Notifying employers of absence is an essential part of the work experience.

We would also encourage you to take this opportunity to speak with your children about the dangers associated with water, particularly during hot weather. Please refer to the attached poster to support this conversation.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind regards,
Pete Lynch
Headteacher