



# Sheldon School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide an update following the recent two-day closure of the school due to the extreme heat. I am pleased to confirm that the school will reopen as normal tomorrow, Friday 26 June.

During today's site checks, we carefully monitored conditions across the school. Classroom temperatures were, on average, above 32°C, with humidity levels exceeding 60%. Simply moving around the buildings was extremely uncomfortable. External readings by the flagpole reached 45.6°C in direct sun and 35.5°C in the shade. On this basis, I am confident that the decision to close the school for the past two days was the right one in order to safeguard students and staff.

I have been in communication with other local headteachers across the area, and we are aligned in our view that tomorrow's forecast—with temperatures below 30°C and falling throughout the day—means it is appropriate to reopen. Therefore, transport will run as normal at the start and end of the day.

To support a safe and a comfortable return, we will be continuing a number of mitigations:

- Relaxed uniform expectations will remain in place:
  - Students may wear PE kit *or*
  - Normal school uniform without a tie and without a jumper
- Cancelling of the Olympic Fun Run and reduction in rigorous physical activities in PE and at break and lunchtime.
- We have shaded areas on the field already and have erected a marquee for students to sit under on the field.
- We have purchased nearly 20 fans, which have been distributed across classrooms and will regularly check classroom temperatures.
- Where possible, we will re-room classes:
  - Moving lessons from rooms in direct sunlight
  - Prioritising cooler spaces on the shaded side of the buildings.

**Please be reminded that students should apply sunscreen before they leave for school in the morning (reapplying throughout the day), have a hat, and water (preferably in a refillable water bottle) to maintain hydration throughout the day.**

Staff will continue to monitor conditions throughout the day, and we will keep arrangements under review should temperatures rise again. Thank you for your continued support and understanding during what has been a challenging period of extreme weather.

We look forward to welcoming students back tomorrow.

Yours faithfully,

**Peter Lynch**

Headteacher