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Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Gillespie Memo

Red Weather Warning – school timing adjustments this week
School closed from 1pm on Wed 24, Thu 25, Fri 26 June

Following our risk assessment, we have continued to monitor the situation throughout the day as temperatures have risen. We are aware that conditions are expected to worsen over the coming days and, as a result, we have made the decision to adjust school timings this week. School will be closing at 1pm from tomorrow until the end of the week unless temperatures drop in which case we will update on a daily basis.

School will close at 1:00pm on Wednesday 24th June, Thursday 25th June and Friday 26th June unless temperatures change. All children to be collected at this time.

We understand the inconvenience this may cause to families, and this decision has been made only as an absolute last resort, having implemented all reasonable adjustments possible to support the health, safety, and wellbeing of pupils and staff.

Throughout the day, we have monitored classroom temperatures, with many rooms reaching 32°C and above. We expect temperatures to continue rising to uncomfortable levels. In addition, the heat will be accompanied by high humidity, further increasing the risk of discomfort and potential health impacts for both pupils and staff.

As always, we will continue to monitor the situation closely and communicate any further changes or adjustments made during the week.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Owen
Headteacher



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