



Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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**Subject: School Closure Due to Extreme Heat Thursday and Friday pm
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that, following careful consideration, the school will be **closed on the afternoons of Thursday 9 July and Friday 10 July due to the extreme heat conditions** we are currently experiencing inside school.

This is a decision we have not taken lightly. As of **11:30am today, temperatures inside the school building had reached 34°C**, and a number of children and staff were already feeling unwell as a result of the heat. Our first responsibility is always to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our care. <https://www.jennetts.bonitas.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Jennetts-Park-Hot-weather-plan-2026-v2.pdf>

Updated government guidance means that the previous flexibility around permitting early collection is no longer available to us. As a result, we have had to make the difficult decision to close the school rather than continue operating in what we believe are unsafe conditions. I have contacted my MP to express my concern.

For Thursday 9th and Friday 10th, children should be collected at **12:45pm from class doors**. Staff will supervise pupils until that time. To support learning during the closure, **online work will be provided for all pupils to complete at home by the following week**

To confirm that **Year 1–6 Sports Day will still take place tomorrow morning from 9:00am to 10:20am**, before temperatures are expected to rise significantly. Please ensure children arrive with a water bottle, sun hat and appropriate sun protection.

For **Year 3 and 4 on Friday 10th** we are desperately trying to find out if the South Hill building is cool enough or if a midday pickup is needed. We will get you a response ASAP!

I would like to offer my sincere apologies for the disruption and inconvenience this decision will cause to families. In all my years as headteacher, this is the **only time our school has ever closed**, including throughout the COVID pandemic. I know how significant a decision this is and how challenging it may be for parents and carers at short notice. I am sorry.

However, the safety of our wonderful Rainbow community of children and staff must come first. While we always strive to keep school open wherever possible, the current conditions mean that we cannot safely do so. Thank you to anyone who alerted us that they had used their parental judgement to collect. Thank you for your understanding, continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Liz Savage Headteacher of Jennett's Park CE Primary

