

# West Coker

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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We are writing to inform you that a Red Weather Warning for extreme heat has been issued, beginning on Wednesday morning (24th June) through to Thursday evening (25th June). Following careful consideration and in line with health and safety guidance, the school has decided that the school will be fully closed to all pupils on both Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June.

This decision has been made to protect the wellbeing of our pupils and staff. Prolonged exposure to very high temperatures can pose serious health risks, including:

- Dehydration
- Heat exhaustion and heatstroke
- Increased fatigue and reduced concentration
- Sunburn and other heat-related illnesses

Despite measures such as increased water breaks, shaded areas, and reduced physical activity, the forecast temperatures are expected to reach levels that make it unsafe for children and staff to be on site during these two days.

As the school will be closed, there will be no on-site provision or after-school provision available on these two days. Please note that after-school clubs on Wednesday and Thursday will not take place.

We kindly ask that you make appropriate arrangements for your child to remain at home on both days. If there are any difficulties or concerns, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we recommend ensuring your child comes to school with:

- A refillable water bottle
- A sun hat
- Sunscreen already applied before arrival

Should the Red Weather Warning be reduced to an Amber Weather Warning, the school will open on these days, and we will communicate this with you as soon as possible.

The safety and wellbeing of our school community remain our top priority, and we appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. Your child will come home tomorrow with a task to complete over the next couple of days.

Yours sincerely

Philip Hyland Headteacher

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