



SYDENHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Early School Closure and Event Cancellation Due to Extreme Heat

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of some important changes to our school schedule due to the extreme heat forecast this week.

Early School Closure – Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June

Due to temperatures expected to reach above 35°C, Sydenham School will close early at 12:15pm on the following days:

- Tuesday 23rd June
- Wednesday 24th June
- Thursday 25th June

All students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be dismissed at 12:15pm on these days. Students are expected to make their own travel arrangements to return home safely. Year 10 and Year 12 students will be dismissed after their Period 3 exams have finished. Year 10 parents will shortly receive a separate email about the rearrangements for afternoon exams this week.

If your child cannot travel home immediately:

We will provide supervision for any students who are unable to leave at 12:15pm.

If your child needs to remain in school after early closure, please contact us as soon as possible so we can make appropriate arrangements.

Cancellation of Battle of the Bands

The Battle of the Bands event, previously scheduled for Thursday 25th June, is now cancelled due to the extreme heat. It has been rescheduled to Wednesday 1st July, 6 - 8.30pm, all tickets previously purchased will be valid for this date.

Student Safety Measures

Your child's safety is our top priority. Please remind your child to:

- Stay hydrated and bring a refillable water bottle to school.
- Wear a hat and apply sunscreen before coming to school.
- Make use of shaded areas during break times.
- Use sun protection throughout the day.

If you have any questions or if you need support with pick-up arrangements, please contact the school office at info@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk



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Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school community safe during this period of extreme weather.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher