

25th June 2026

AMBITION - CARE - COURAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: School Closure Friday 26th June 2026

Further to my letter on Tuesday and following careful consideration, I am writing to let you know that John O'Gaunt School will also be fully closed tomorrow.

As previously, we have not taken this decision lightly and it follows careful consideration of how we can balance the risks of opening and potential actions that we could take to mitigate these. The weather forecast has been changeable over the past 48 hours. However, we were informed this morning that the 'Red' heat warning covering West Berkshire has been extended to Friday. Therefore, due to this forecast and the potential risks to health, safety and travel, we believe closure is necessary to protect the wellbeing of pupils, staff, and families.

Work will once again be set via Class Charts, and we know that students may need to adjust when they complete work to times when it's cooler during the day. Staff will be working from home once again and monitoring emails. Please continue to be patient whilst waiting for a response and our usual communication protocols apply.

We appreciate that this may cause inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and support. Our intention is to be open as normal on Monday, and temperatures are expected to drop significantly and there are currently no weather warnings forecast.

Therefore, unless you hear otherwise, please do send your child in at the usual time. However, we will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide further updates as necessary. Therefore, please **continue to keep a close eye on school communications**.

If you have any questions about these arrangements, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office. In the meantime, please do keep yourselves and your family safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mr R Hawthorne
Principal