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Important Update: Partial School Closure Due to Extreme Heat – Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June 2026

Dear PCS Families

Following our recent communication regarding the ongoing heatwave, temperatures are now projected to reach levels that require us to adapt our operations further to protect the health and well-being of our school community.

Consequently, Peacehaven Community School will be implementing a **partial school closure this Wednesday and Thursday, with the school day ending at 12.30pm.**

Rationale for This Decision

While our priority is always to keep the school fully open, the forecasted extreme temperatures during the peak afternoon hours present a risk within our school buildings. In taking this step, we are aligning with several other schools across East Sussex that are adopting the same rationale and closing early to ensure the safety of students and staff during the hottest parts of the day.

Important Exceptions & Specific Arrangements

Supervision for Years 7, 8, and SEND Students: We understand that a 12.30pm closure may present immediate childcare or logistical challenges for some families. If your child is in **Year 7 or Year 8**, or is supported by our **SEND department**, and is unable to leave safely at this earlier time, we will provide supervised on-site provision for them until the normal end of the school day.

Action Required Today: If your child fits these criteria and requires on-site supervision after 12.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday, you **must let us know today** by emailing pcs-enquiries@swale.at. Please include your child's full name and tutor group in the email.

Key Information for Wednesday & Thursday

- **Morning Lessons:** School will start at the normal time, and morning lessons will run as scheduled.
- **Dismissal:** Most students will be dismissed at 12.30pm.
- **Free School Meals:** Arrangements will be made for students entitled to Free School Meals to have lunch before leaving site at 12.30pm.

We expect to return to our normal full-day schedule on Friday, but we will continue to monitor the situation closely and keep you updated. Thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and quick cooperation as we look after our young people in these extreme conditions.

Kind regards

Ms Rachel Henocq - Headteacher