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Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the extension of the current Red Heat Alert issued for our region until 11pm on Friday 26 June, Olive Academies will continue its precautionary measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff during this period of extreme temperatures.

[Heat health alerts | UKHSA data dashboard](#)

Early Closure Arrangements

Following early closures on Wednesday and Thursday, the academy will also close early on Friday 26 June. This decision has been taken to support the health, safety and wellbeing of students.

- Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm on Friday 26 June, following lunch.
- Any student who is unable to return home at this time will remain safely supervised in the academy until the end of the normal school day

We kindly ask parents and carers to make appropriate arrangements where possible to collect or receive students at the earlier time. Students should remain at home during regular school hours until 2.45pm.

Important Reminder: Keeping Students Safe in Hot Weather

We encourage you to be mindful of the significant risks posed by extreme weather. We have included some basic tips for staying safe and a link to detailed guidance below:

- Ensure students bring a refillable water bottle
- Apply sunscreen before school
- Wear light, appropriate clothing

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2026/06/hot-weather-and-heatwaves-guidance-for-schools-and-other-education-settings/>

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Important Reminder: Open Water Safety (DfE Guidance)

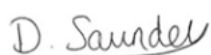
You will no doubt be aware from recent news stories and tragedies that periods of hot weather can increase the risk of children being drawn to open water such as rivers, lakes, canals, and reservoirs. We have delivered PSHE lessons related to this at the Academy in recent weeks, however please remind children and young people of the key messages below and see the link provided for further detailed guidance:

- Open water can be much colder than it appears, even on a hot day
- There may be strong currents, deep water, or hidden hazards below the surface
- Entering open water can lead to cold water shock, affecting breathing and movement
- Children should only swim in supervised, designated areas

Further guidance:

[Drowning Prevention Week: what children learn about water safety at school – The Education Hub](#)

Yours Faithfully,



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