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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Closure – Thursday 25th June 2026

Following a review of the current weather conditions and the forecast high temperatures expected tomorrow, we have made the difficult decision to close Hednesford Valley High School to students on Thursday 25th June 2026.

This decision has not been taken lightly. Throughout this period of hot weather, we have implemented a range of measures to minimise the impact of the heat on our students, including adjusting break and lunchtime arrangements, providing access to shaded areas, encouraging regular hydration and closely monitoring students' wellbeing throughout the day.

Despite these measures, we have experienced a significant increase in student absence related to the heat and have seen an increasing number of students becoming dysregulated and finding it difficult to engage safely and effectively in school. As a specialist setting, many of our students are particularly vulnerable to the impact of extreme temperatures, and their wellbeing and safety must remain our priority.

With temperatures forecast to remain exceptionally high tomorrow, we do not believe that we can safely provide the learning environment and support that our students require.

We will continue to monitor weather forecasts and conditions closely. A decision regarding arrangements for Friday 26th June 2026 will be made tomorrow and communicated to parents and carers as soon as possible.

We appreciate that this may cause inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and support. As always, the safety, wellbeing and welfare of our students remains our primary concern.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Stokes
Headteacher

