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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding, support and cooperation over the last 2 days following our decision to close the school at 12.30pm due to the extreme heat. Making the decision to alter the school day is never something we take lightly. We carefully consider a wide range of factors before making any changes, and our priority will always be the safety, health and wellbeing of our students and staff.

We have been incredibly grateful for the many kind messages we have received from parents and carers, thanking us for putting the safety of the children first. Your understanding and support during what has been a challenging period, has been greatly appreciated by all of the staff.

Following the latest weather forecasts, temperatures on Wednesday 15th July are currently predicted to reach around 29°C. After carefully assessing the risks, we do not believe it would be safe or appropriate for our students to spend the entire day outdoors at Drayton Manor in these conditions. As a result, we are postponing the trip until Friday 4th September 2026. We appreciate that this may be disappointing for students; however, we feel this is the safest and most responsible decision.

We will also continue to monitor the weather forecast for Sports Day on Friday 17th July. Should any changes be required, we will communicate these with you as soon as possible.

Regardless of any decisions regarding Sports Day, the school will continue to close at 12.00pm on Friday 17th July 2026.

Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding. We are proud of the way our school community has worked together during this period, and we remain committed to making decisions that place the wellbeing of our students at the heart of everything we do.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Perry
Deputy Headteacher

