



# The John Fisher School

Headteacher: Mr R F Teague

22 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Partial School Closure Due to Extreme Heat**

I am writing to inform you of changes to the school day this week following the red extreme heat warning issued earlier today by the Met Office.

In view of the forecast conditions, we have taken the decision to move to a **partial closure** on **Tuesday 23 June, Wednesday 24 June and Thursday 25 June**. This decision has not been taken lightly, but is intended to reduce the time pupils spend in school during the hottest part of the day, while maintaining as much normal education as possible.

The arrangements are as follows:

### **Tuesday 23 June**

Years 7 to 9 should attend school as normal and will be dismissed at **12.55pm**.

Year 10 should attend school as normal and will be dismissed at **1.40pm**.

Any pupil with an afternoon examination should remain in school for that examination.

Year 12 are on study leave but should attend school for any scheduled examinations.

### **Wednesday 24 June**

Years 7 to 10 should attend school as normal and will be dismissed at **12.55pm**.

Year 12 remain on study leave.

### **Thursday 25 June**

Years 7 to 10 should attend school as normal and will be dismissed at **12.55pm**.

Year 12 remain on study leave.

Internal examinations for Years 9, 10 and 12 that were scheduled to take place on Wednesday and Thursday will be rescheduled for next week. We will confirm the revised arrangements as soon as possible.

There will be no school lunches during this period, except for Year 10 on Tuesday and for pupils entitled to free school meals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Free school meal provision will be available before pupils leave the site.

The rationale for these arrangements is to allow pupils to continue with essential learning and, where necessary, examinations, while avoiding the worst of the heat in the afternoon. Some parts of the school site become particularly warm in extreme weather, and a shorter

day will help reduce the risk of heat-related illness, allow pupils to travel home earlier, and support the wellbeing of both pupils and staff.

Pupils should come to school with a refillable water bottle and should take sensible precautions on the journey to and from school, including wearing sunscreen where appropriate. As previously advised, blazers and ties do not need to be worn during this period of hot weather.

A reminder that this Friday 26 June is an INSET day and there is no school for pupils. I hope the weather will be cooler by next Monday!

Thank you for your understanding and support. We appreciate that changes to the school day can create inconvenience for families, but we believe this is a sensible and proportionate response to exceptional weather conditions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Teague', written in a cursive style.

**R F Teague**  
**Headteacher**