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Dear Families,

As you will know, we are experiencing a period of very hot weather, with even higher temperatures expected later today and tomorrow.

Over the last few days, we have worked hard to keep school open and to keep pupils and staff as safe and comfortable as possible. This has included:

- stopping, reducing or moving outdoor PE and physical activities indoors;
- reducing outside playtimes and using shaded areas where possible;
- keeping blinds closed to reduce heat and glare;
- using fans across school, with more due to arrive;
- providing plenty of cool water for drinking and water play;
- encouraging pupils and staff to wear loose, lightweight clothing;
- suspending most off-site activities and avoiding journeys on foot in the local community;
- providing ice lollies for pupils.

The postponement of our activities week due to the weather, although this will be happening at a later date.

Despite all of the measures above, we have made the difficult decision that **The Harbour School will be closed to pupils tomorrow, Friday 26 June.**

This is not a decision we have taken lightly. With temperatures expected to rise further tomorrow, and with increased staff absence due to some staff members' own children's schools being closed or moving to half-day closures, we do not feel we can safely maintain the environment and staffing levels required for our pupils.

Our buildings have retained the residual heat levels and with no air-conditioning we are unable with fans alone to bring the temperatures down.

Online learning remains available through **Oak Activities and Freckle** and there will be packs sent home with maths and English to complete.

I am sorry for the inconvenience this may cause families. However, the health and safety of pupils and staff must come first.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Slaise".

Sarah Louise

Interim Head Teacher

