



22 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: Amber Heat Weather Warning – Early School Closure at 12:50pm

The UK is currently experiencing very high temperatures, and an Amber Heat Health Alert/Amber Extreme Heat Warning has been issued for many parts of England. Temperatures may exceed 35°C, with some areas potentially reaching 38°C during the week. High overnight temperatures are also expected, increasing the risk of heat-related illness

Today we have tracked the temperatures in classroom and around our school site. As the day progresses temperatures in classrooms have exceeded 30°C.

Therefore, for the remainder of this week Aldercar High School will close at 1250 and we have adapted the school day as follows.

0825 - Form Time
0830 - Period 1
0930 - Period 2
1030 - Break
1045 - Period 3
1145 - Period 4
1245 - Form Time
1250 - Lunch and end of school day.

Students will be dismissed at **12:50pm, where they can access our canteen for lunch**, and then should make arrangements to travel home safely.

Students who are unable to return home at this time should contact their Head of Year or the school office as soon as possible so that alternative supervision arrangements can be made.

This decision has been made to safeguard the wellbeing of our students and staff during the hottest part of the day, when temperatures are expected to reach exceptionally high levels.

To help students stay safe during the heatwave, we are also:

- Allowing students to not wear their blazer, jumper or tie. And have their shirts untucked.
- Encouraging students to bring a refillable water bottle and drink regularly throughout the day.
- Providing access to shaded and cooler areas during breaks.
- Limiting outdoor activities and adapting PE lessons as necessary.

We ask parents and carers to ensure that students:

- Arrive at school well hydrated.
- Bring a water bottle to school.
- Apply sunscreen before leaving home and bring additional sunscreen if needed.
- Wear a hat when appropriate.



Please remind your child to tell a member of staff immediately if they feel unwell. Symptoms of heat-related illness can include dizziness, headaches, nausea and excessive sweating.

Due to the Red Alert in London, the scheduled trip to London will be postponed. As a school we will reimburse in full if the trip cannot be rearranged. A separate communication will be sent out regarding this trip.

This week's Year 8 and Year 9 Sports week has also been postponed, and will take place in two weeks' time, w/c 6th of July.

We appreciate that this change may cause some inconvenience, but the safety and wellbeing of our students must remain our priority. We will continue to monitor advice from the relevant authorities and will communicate any further updates as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards



Phil Smith

