

Dear Parent/Carer

Update regarding unprecedented extreme weather: Further to our communications last week, as you are aware, there is extreme weather on Monday and Tuesday with temperatures expected to exceed 38 degrees Celsius. The MET Office have issued a RED alert for parts of England including Nuneaton.

We have shared with you ways in which your child can keep cool and what we will be doing in school. This includes:

- changes so pupils can come to school in their normal uniform without their blazer and tie or wear PE kit if they prefer
- lessons have been re-roomed to rooms with air conditioning where possible
- our site team will be on site early to ensure rooms are well ventilated at the start of the day
- pupils are expected to have sunglasses, sun hats, sunscreen and plenty of drinks with them
- practical lessons in PE and Food will be changed to reduce the risks

Over the weekend we have received a number of queries from parents following decisions reported in the Media of other schools closing for the day or afternoon.

Given the current unprecedented situation we have further reviewed our arrangements and believe it is in the best interests for pupils to come home for the afternoon and keep as cool as possible indoors, rather than be in a classroom with a larger number of other pupils where it may be difficult to regulate the room temperature.

The Academy will therefore close at 12.25 p.m. on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

If you wish for your child to remain in school then teachers will still be on site and arrangements will be in place for your child until the end of the normal school day. If you wish for your child to remain in school please complete the form that has been sent out so that we are aware. Your child will then need to go to the Main Hall at the start of Period 4 to be registered.

This is an unprecedented situation and we will keep arrangements under constant review, however at the time of writing we expect to open as normal for the full school day on Wednesday.

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## Staying Safe

Below are some links to advice and support for staying safe over the next two days

### **Stay Safe in the Heat**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/heat-health-advice-issued-for-all-regions-of-england>

### **Pastoral Support**

If you need any pastoral support please contact your child's Pastoral Leader

Year 7 Pastoral Lead – Chelsea Wallbank [chelsea.wallbank@midlandat.co.uk](mailto:chelsea.wallbank@midlandat.co.uk)

Year 8 Pastoral Lead – Emilie Nyabunze [emili.nyabunze@midlandat.co.uk](mailto:emili.nyabunze@midlandat.co.uk)

Year 9 Pastoral Lead – Millie Merrigan [millie.merrigan@midlandat.co.uk](mailto:millie.merrigan@midlandat.co.uk)

Year 10 Pastoral Lead – Sue Gittings [susan.gittings@midlandat.co.uk](mailto:susan.gittings@midlandat.co.uk)

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding Information and support is available on our school website

<https://www.hartshill.midlandat.co.uk/parents/safeguarding>

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Alex Ward [alex.ward@midlandat.co.uk](mailto:alex.ward@midlandat.co.uk)

Safeguarding Officer Alexandra Hiatt [alexandria.hiatt@midlandat.co.uk](mailto:alexandria.hiatt@midlandat.co.uk)

### **Wellbeing Hub**

The Wellbeing Hub is on our school website

<https://www.hartshill.midlandat.co.uk/parents/wellbeing-hub>

### Pupil Remote Learning

We usually share access to online learning when pupils are not able to be in school but due to the heat we want to avoid pupils accessing laptops and computers. The work we are asking them to complete from home is below:

- Read a book – pupils can collect a book from the school library at break if they wish.
- Write a story
- Write a letter to your form tutor
- Write a letter about a change you would like to see in the school. This could be for your form tutor, Pastoral Leader, the Pupil Leadership Team (this can be delivered to Mr Wilkins to share with them) or to the Senior Leadership Team.
- Listen to someone read to you
- Make a smoothie - share the recipe with your Food Teacher when you are back in school
- Create a piece of art work and share this with your Teacher when you are back in school

Yours Sincerley



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