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Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues,

We are writing to inform you that, following updated guidance, a **Red Heat Health Alert** has been issued for the East Midlands for Wednesday 24th June and Thursday 25th June 2026.

A red alert represents the highest level of warning and signifies a risk to life across the whole population. Based on this, and after careful consideration, we have taken the decision to close all of our school settings and workspaces on the above days in order to keep our students, families and staff safe.

We fully recognise that this decision will have a significant impact on you and your family, as well as on staff and our wider community – this decision has been made early in order to allow time to plan accordingly. Please be assured that we have carefully weighed these impacts as part of our decision-making process. However, the safety and wellbeing of everyone within our Trust remains our overriding priority. This is not a decision that we have taken lightly.

This decision is informed by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) alert, which highlights the following risks during this period:

- Increased risk to life across the whole population, with particularly significant impacts on older and more vulnerable individuals
- Significantly increased demand on health and social care services
- The heat affecting the ability of the workforce to deliver services safely
- Hot indoor environments making the provision of education and care extremely challenging
- Potential impacts on critical infrastructure, including power outages
- Increased likelihood of water-related incidents, including cold-water shock and drowning

While we appreciate that school closures are disruptive, our experience during previous extreme heat weather events has demonstrated the significant risks posed by prolonged high temperatures in our buildings and workplaces.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and review this decision on a day-by-day basis, as forecasts may change, and if this changes significantly, we will communicate any updates to you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to follow official advice to stay safe during periods of extreme heat, including staying hydrated, keeping cool, and avoiding unnecessary travel or exertion during the hottest parts of the day.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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