



25 June 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Heatwave – JMHS will remain closed all day on Friday 26 June

Thank you very much for your support and understanding this week with our school closure. I understand that these decisions can be inconvenient and it is therefore with a very heavy heart that I am writing to tell you that I have made the difficult decision to extend the school closure by another day.

The forecast temperatures are slightly lower than those we saw from Tuesday afternoon and this has made this decision more difficult. I know that there is a point where we must make adjustments and manage uncomfortably hot weather, as we did on Monday, and we will be closer to that point tomorrow. However, in spite of the reduction in heat, I do not believe we are yet at that point.

This is because temperatures are expected to reach 30°C by mid-morning. After such a prolonged period of hot weather, we would expect this to translate to classroom temperatures of 37°C or hotter in the majority of our classrooms. I am clear that this level of heat continues to pose a real risk to the health and well-being of the children and adults in our school community. It is for this reason that I have reluctantly extended our school closure.

Tomorrow, Friday 26 June, we will once again set work via ePraise. We will once again prepare free school meals for collection from the school site between 10.00am and 10.30am. Once again, could you please let us know if you would like one of these to be available to you using the form below:

[Free School Meal Orders - Friday 26 June – Fill in form](#)

I am relieved to say we will be able to continue with the Year 11 Prom tomorrow evening as planned. This is because the event is scheduled for the evening and is taking place at a different venue with plenty of outdoor space.

The forecast is significantly improved on Monday and so I do not anticipate any difficulties re-opening as usual.

Once again, can I please offer my apologies for the inconvenience this decision causes, and my thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Holmes'.

John Holmes
Headteacher