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Dear parent/carer,

Urgent Notice: Early School Closure Due to Extreme Heat

We have taken the difficult decision to close the school early tomorrow (**Thursday 25th June**) at **12:30pm** due to the extreme heat once again forecast for the day. The heat in some classrooms this afternoon in particular was difficult to bear for pupils and staff, so we are responding to this. The Department for Education advises keeping schools open wherever possible, and implementing a shortened day is a way to manage this.

The hottest part of the day is forecast to be similar to today and yesterday, between 1.30pm and 4pm. Closing at 12:30pm will allow pupils to get home before this.

Please note the following arrangements for tomorrow:

- **Remote Learning (Period 5):** Work will be set for all pupils on **Google Classroom for their timetabled Period 5 lesson**, which they should complete at home during the afternoon.
- **School Bus:** The school bus has been rescheduled and will be at the school for the earlier 12:30pm pick-up time to transport pupils home.
- **Food & Free School Meals:** A wider than usual range of food, including pizza, hot and cold wraps, sandwiches, fruit and traybakes will be available at breaktime for pupils to purchase, along with drinks, and those on free school meals can get the meal they are entitled to at this time.
- **Uniform Adjustments:** Once again, pupils can wear their Risedale PE kit instead of their normal uniform if this is cooler for them. We continue to advise that jumpers and blazers should ideally not be worn, as these may cause pupils to overheat.
- **Year 10 Art Trip:** The planned Art trip to Whitby for a small group of Year 10 pupils will be rescheduled. Miss Westwood will also be contacting individual families affected about this.
- **Year 6 Welcome Event:** The Welcome Event for families of Year 6 pupils joining Risedale in September will be rescheduled to **next Monday (29th June) at 6pm**.

We will review the situation and weather forecast tomorrow afternoon and communicate our intentions regarding Friday with parents/carers by the end of the day - please check your emails for an update. For now, we anticipate a normal school day on Friday.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Greenwood

Mrs L Greenwood
Headteacher

