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Dear parent/carer,

Urgent Notice: Early School Closure on Friday Due to Extreme Heat

Thank you for your ongoing support during this period of hot weather. While our school building provides us with much lovely space, it does present many challenges in terms of temperature control! It may be useful for you to know that we are currently looking at ways to manage temperatures in extreme heat and will be discussing this with the Local Authority, as this is costly.

We have reviewed the weather forecast for tomorrow, which indicates that afternoon temperatures will be even higher than today and yesterday, alongside the threat of rain and thunderstorms. Because our classrooms are likely to become very uncomfortable, **we will be closing early at 12:30pm tomorrow, Friday, 26th June.**

To help pupils stay comfortable, they may once again wear their **Risedale PE kit** as an alternative to their normal uniform.

As we did today, food and drink will be available to purchase at break time (or as a free school meal for those entitled). Transport providers have already been contacted, and buses will collect pupils at 12:30pm. Pupils will be expected to complete work set on Google Classroom during their timetabled Period 5 lesson.

For parents of Year 11 pupils, please be assured that the Prom will go ahead exactly as planned tomorrow evening at Hall Garth Hotel, Darlington. We will be back to 'business as usual' for the rest of the school on **Monday, 29th June**, finishing at the normal time of 3:00pm and returning to full school uniform.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Greenwood
Headteacher

