



**Beam County Primary School**  
Oval Road North, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 9ED.

1<sup>st</sup> July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

**CANCELLED – Sports Day July 2026**

We are writing to inform you that, following a careful review of next week's weather forecast, we have decided to cancel our scheduled Sports Day events across the school.

**Cancelled dates:**

- Early Years Sports Day: Monday, 6 July
- Atlantis, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day: Wednesday, 8 July
- Key Stage 2 Sports Day: Friday, 10 July

**Why have we made this decision?**

AccuWeather forecasts show temperatures reaching 85–90°F (29–32°C) during this period, with the warmest conditions expected mid-week. Outdoor competitive sports activity in these temperatures presents a significant risk of heat-related illness, including heat exhaustion and heat stroke. This risk is particularly acute for younger pupils and children with underlying health conditions.

As a maintained school, the welfare and safeguarding of our pupils is our paramount concern, and we have determined that holding outdoor sports events in these conditions would be unsafe.

**School remains open**

Please note that we have **not** taken the decision to close the school. We will continue to operate normally next week with indoor and curriculum activities as planned. However, in recognition of the hot weather, pupils are welcome to wear either their PE kit **or** summer uniform throughout the week if they wish. This will help keep them comfortable during the day.

We continue to monitor the Met Office heat health alerts. Should we receive an amber or red alert, we will notify you as soon as possible with further details and any adjusted arrangements.

We appreciate your understanding as we prioritise the health and safety of our school community.

Yours sincerely,  
**Ms T Whittington**

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