



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

23rd June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Partial School Closure – Extreme Heat: Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th June and Friday 26th June 2026

As you will be aware, the Met Office has forecast temperatures of 34°C and 37°C later this week. The situation is fast-moving – yesterday morning, the DfE and Local Authority issued guidance emphasising the importance of school attendance; however, by 2:00pm the same afternoon, this guidance was revised, and an updated communication was sent to headteachers acknowledging the severity of the forecast and the need for schools to take appropriate action.

In line with this updated DfE and LA guidance, and our duty of care under the Health and Safety at Work Act, I have taken the decision to close the school at lunchtime on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as the sun reaches its highest position during the early afternoon.

What this means for your child:

| Year/Class | Arrival as normal | Collection time | Collection from |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| NAM | 8:30am | 11:30am | Nursery |
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| NPM | CLOSED | CLOSED | |
| Reception | 8:30am | 11:50am | Classroom |
| Year 1 | 8:30am | 12:00pm | KS1 playground |
| Year 2 | 8:30am | 12:10pm | KS1 playground |
| Year 3 | 8:30am | 12:30pm | Small Hall |
| Year 4 | 8:30am | 12:45pm | KS2 playground |
| Year 5 | 8:30am | 12:45pm | KS2 playground |
| Year 6 | 8:30am | 12:45pm | KS2 playground |
| Atlantis | 8:30am | 12:00pm | Classroom |

Due to the extreme weather conditions, all children must be collected by a parent or carer at their designated collection time. This includes children who would normally walk home independently. No child will be released without an adult due to extreme weather conditions. If you are unable to collect your child, please contact the school office before the end of Tuesday to discuss arrangements.

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In addition, siblings will eat with the youngest so they can leave with their youngest sibling, ensuring that parents are not waiting in the heat.

School Meals This Week

Due to the hot weather, the menu has been adjusted:

- **Wednesday 24th June** – Pizza (as usual)
- **Thursday 25th June** – Halal chicken nuggets and wedges with beans or sweetcorn
- **Friday 26th June** – Fish fillet and chips with peas

Uniform – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

On both days, children may wear either their summer uniform or their PE kit – whichever is most comfortable. Full details of our summer uniform can be found on the school website: www.beamcountyprimaryschool.org. Please also ensure your child brings a water bottle, suncream (which they will apply independently) and a sun hat.

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school as usual on Monday, 29th June 2026, wearing their summer uniform.

Please note that some of our pupils, as part of our financial literacy project, will be selling ice poles in the KS2 playground. They will be in attendance at the end of the partial closure day.

Thank you for your understanding. The safety and wellbeing of your children and our staff will always come first.

Best regards,

Miss Whittington
Headteacher

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