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School Early Closures due to Red Warning about Extreme Temperatures

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you well. You will have seen that the weather forecasts for London this week show extreme heat is on its way. At time of writing, we are expecting temperatures of 40 degrees on Wednesday 24th June and 38 degrees on Thursday 25th. This presents a serious health and safety risk to students and staff alike. Unfortunately, the majority of the school site does not have air-conditioning therefore I have taken the decision to close school early on these two days. Please therefore note the following:

- **Wednesday 24th June (week B school times) – school will be closed to all students from 1.50pm.**
  - Students will be dismissed by staff from their usual gates (Year 7 and 8 from Coborn Street, Years 9 and 10 from Bow Road and Sixth Formers from Aspire or Bow Road).
  - The school reception will close at 2.15.
  - The school building will close at 2.30.
  - There will be no after school clubs or any other provision.
  - The Year 7 trip to Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park will be cancelled.
  - Free school lunches will still be provided on the day.
  - **If you are collecting your daughter, you must do so by 2.00pm.**
  - **Unfortunately the Summer Concert will be cancelled (we are hoping to push this back to a later date TBC).**

- **Thursday 25th June (normal school times) - school will be closed to all students from 1.40pm.**
  - Students will be dismissed by staff from their usual gates (Year 7 and 8 from Coborn Street, Years 9 and 10 from Bow Road and Sixth Formers from Aspire or Bow Road).
  - The school reception will close at 2.15.
  - The school building will close at 2.30.
  - There will be no after school clubs or any other provision.
  - Free school lunches will still be provided on the day.
  - **If you are collecting your daughter, you must do so by 1.50pm.**

Additional Information

- Normal school day on Tuesday 23rd June and Friday 26th June.
- The Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork Trips to Epping Forest on Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th June will go ahead as planned (mitigations will be implemented for students and staff).
- Students will be set work for the lessons they will miss on Class Charts.

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- We have communicated to students that they are expected to wear their uniform over warm periods. However, while they should bring their blazer to school, they will be permitted not to wear it during the course of each hot day. Jumpers are not a compulsory uniform item so should not be worn by students over the hot period, and should not be worn instead of their blazer.
- We have also communicated to students that they should bring a water bottle to school – we have several water points across the site and have been reminding students to refill these at break and lunch time (cups are available in the dining hall for students who forget their water bottle).

I apologise for any inconvenience that the early closures may cause. These decisions are not taken lightly and are in the best interests of students and staff of CFGS. I appreciate your understanding on this matter.

Please direct any queries to the email address above. Please take care of yourselves over this unusual period.

Yours sincerely,

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Ms C. Prince

Headteacher

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