



## Blackbrook School

Aspiration Fairness Kindness Responsibility Teamwork

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Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

### School Arrangements: Wednesday and Thursday

Dear Parents,

We thank you for your patience as we have carefully determined next steps for the extreme heat weather warning in place for our region. We are aware some schools and colleges have made the decision to close. We are continuing to monitor all weather warnings closely and are taking advice from the Local Authority and our Trust to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of all children and staff remains our highest priority. In line with this guidance, we have completed a thorough risk assessment and have put in place a number of measures to help keep children safe and comfortable in school. These include:

- Ensuring regular access to drinking water throughout the day
- Providing shaded and well-ventilated learning environments
- Adapting the school day to reduce physical activity and time spent outdoors during the hottest parts of the day
- Prioritising the needs of younger children and those with medical conditions who may be more vulnerable

To confirm the earlier message sent on Class Dojo, at present, our intention is to remain open with adapted collection time. National, Regional and Trust guidance advises that settings should remain open where it is safe to do so, with appropriate precautions in place. We have risked assessed and have determined that the school's current measures support the decision to remain open. However, to further support children and families during this period, we are introducing an **optional early collection time of 1:30pm for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.**

- Children may be collected from 1:30pm onwards if you feel this is appropriate. Please report to the office to collect your child(ren).
- If you prefer for your child to remain in school, the school day will continue as normal until 3:15pm. Please come through the main gate as normal.
- After school club will also run as usual. During the afternoons, we will adapt our curriculum offer to prioritise calm, low-exertion activities.

Should temperatures or circumstances mean that we are unable to maintain safe conditions despite these mitigations, we will review our position and may need to consider alternative arrangements. We will, of

course, inform you as early as possible if any changes are necessary. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child is prepared for the heat by:

- Sending them to school with a named water bottle
- Applying sun cream before school
- Providing a sun hat

We appreciate your understanding as we carefully balance maintaining education with ensuring the health and wellbeing of our school community. Please be assured that every decision we take is guided by what is safest and best for the children. Please continue to inform the school if your child is absent for any reason.

Best Wishes,

Mr D. Seviour

Headteacher