

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you that The Blue Kite Trust has had to make the difficult decision to **close all of its schools on Wednesday and Thursday** this week.

Following careful consideration, the decision has been made due to the upgraded Red, Extreme Heat Warning issued by the Met Office. The safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff must remain our priority. The current conditions have presented significant challenges in maintaining a safe learning environment, ensuring adequate staffing levels and keeping indoor areas at safe temperatures. Managing essential welfare requirements such as maintaining suitable drinking water temperatures throughout the day is also proving difficult. After examining this, including the numbers of children and staff affected by decisions beyond our control, our schools cannot confidently operate safely with closure now the most responsible course of action.

At the moment, we anticipate our schools to be open as usual on Friday, however, we will update and confirm arrangements with you on Thursday.

This is not a decision that has been taken lightly and if we could reasonably expect our schools to operate in these conditions over the next two days, we would of course remain open.

Due to the extreme heat keeping cool, calm and safe is our main objective over the next few days, therefore we don't feel it is appropriate to set home learning. The children will have their usual access to reading books, Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars.

Parents who have younger children starting with us in September will be contacted separately regarding the stay and play session scheduled for tomorrow morning.

I would like to thank you for your support and understanding on this matter.

Kind regards

Mrs R Taylor - Headteacher

Mr. G. Evans CEO – The Blue Kite Academy Trust

Water safety during hot weather period

Last week, during Drowning Prevention Week the RLSS shared [free resources](#) in relation to water safety and the [water safety code](#) to raise awareness and educate children in water safety and lifesaving skills.

You can access [shareable water safety content](#), co-created with RNLI, HM Coastguard and RLSS, which you can use to help amplify the safety messaging.