



**Our Ref:** AWA/kmd/earlyclose

24 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our learners for the mature and responsible way they have handled the recent heatwave. They have responded brilliantly to every request made of them and have shown real consideration for their peers and staff during what has been a challenging few days. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my staff, who have been equally superb.

Following careful consideration of the updated Met Office weather forecast, and the increasing likelihood that Bridgnorth and the wider Shropshire area may reach temperatures associated with a *Red Weather Warning*, I have taken the difficult decision to **close Oldbury Wells School early tomorrow afternoon**. This decision has been taken in consultation with TrustEd Alliance, where a number of our sister schools have also decided either full or early closure.

Learners will attend lessons as normal until the end of Period 3, after which they will return to their form rooms for afternoon registration. Learners entitled to free school meals will be able to collect a grab bag from the canteen before boarding coaches, which will depart at approximately 1pm.

Despite the significant mitigations we have put in place to support comfort and safety, some teaching spaces remain exceptionally hot, and with temperatures tomorrow expected to peak between 36–38 degrees, some internal rooms are likely to exceed this. We are also mindful that, without adjustment, the usual end-of-day journey home would coincide with the hottest point of the day which has been a key factor in our decision-making.

To support continued learning, work will be set on Satchel One.

- **Key Stage 3** learners can complete activities on '*Water safety during hot weather*'.
- **Key Stage 4** learners can continue revising for their **Maths Paper 2 mock** on Friday afternoon – accessing Maths Watch, GCSE POD, SENECA, BBC Bitesize or making flash cards to help them revise key topics.

Finally, learners who attend school tomorrow will be rewarded with a break time ice lolly and will still be eligible for our weekly 100% attendance Hi 5 prize draw; we look forward to seeing students tomorrow morning.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support. Our priority remains the wellbeing of our learners and staff, and we appreciate your partnership during this period of extreme weather.

Yours faithfully

**Adam Walker**  
Headteacher