



GREAT HOLLANDS

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Extreme Heat 'Red' Warning

School Closure Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 July

The UK Health Security Agency has just declared a Level 4 Heat Emergency for Monday and Tuesday next week.

This means **Substantial changes in working practices and daily routines will be required**

In response to this Maiden Erlegh Trust has taken the decision to close all school buildings during this time.

Pupils at Great Hollands Primary School will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher on **Wednesday 20 July at 11:15am.**

Reports will also be sent home with the children on Wednesday, school will close at 2.15pm on the last day of term.

A separate communication will follow regarding the Y6 Prom event.

Remote learning:

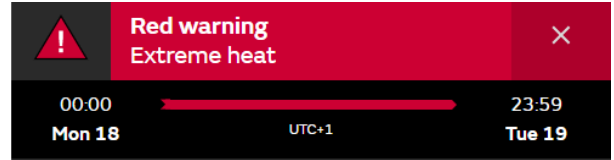
We will post learning activities onto Google Classroom for your information, however as it would be unwise to be using laptops/ PCs during the Level 4 heatwave we are not asking pupils to work online. This afternoon teachers will talk to the children about optional learning activities the pupils could choose to undertake whilst the school buildings are closed.

We appreciate that this closure will cause disruption, but with outside temperatures predicted to be very high, the heat in the classrooms will be significantly higher and would pose a risk to health.

Should you have any questions, please contact the school office.





Kind regards

Mr Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Heat-health alert service

What the alert levels mean

-  **Level 1: Normal preparation**
Public services ensure everything is ready for summer and rising temperatures
-  **Level 2: Possible heatwave forecast**
Services on alert to ensure swift action to reduce harm
-  **Level 3: Potential heatwave under way***
Services target high-risk groups. People advised to look out for the vulnerable, especially old people and children, drink plenty of fluids and slow down when hot
-  **Level 4: Severe or prolonged heatwave**
Illness and death may occur among the fit and healthy, and not just in high-risk groups. People warned to be on the lookout for signs of heat-related illness

What is a Level 4 Emergency?

What to expect

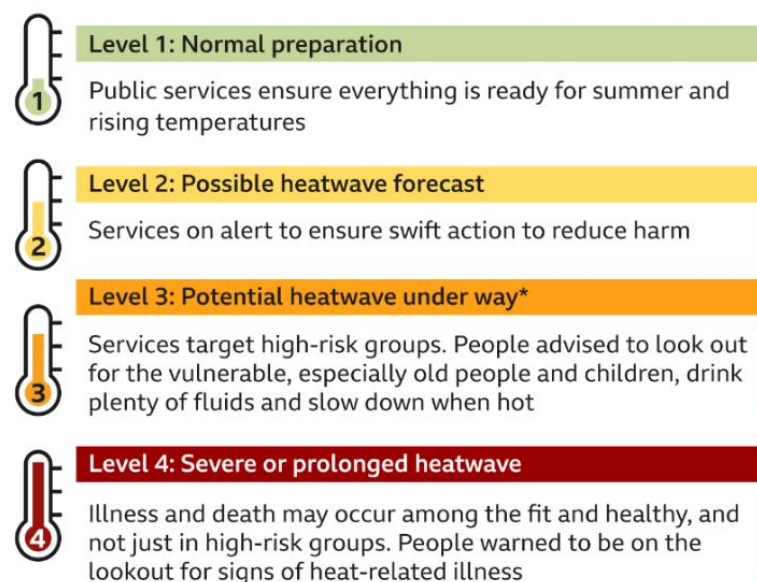
- Population-wide adverse health effects experienced, not limited to those most vulnerable to extreme heat, leading to serious illness or danger to life. Government advice is that 999 services should be used in emergencies only; seek advice from 111 if you need non-emergency health advice.
- **Substantial changes in working practices and daily routines will be required**
- High risk of failure of heat-sensitive systems and equipment, potentially leading to localised loss of power and other essential services, such as water or mobile phone services
- Significantly more people visiting coastal areas, lakes and rivers, leading to an increased risk of water safety incidents
- Delays on roads and road closures, along with delays and cancellations to rail and air travel, with significant welfare issues for those who experience even moderate delays

Exceptional, perhaps record-breaking, temperatures are likely on Monday, then again on Tuesday. Nights are also likely to be exceptionally warm for the UK, especially in urban areas. This is likely to lead to widespread impacts on people and infrastructure. Temperatures are expected to drop away from Wednesday onwards.

This forecast is for London & Southeast England **including Bracknell Forest, Wokingham, and Surrey.**

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What the alert levels mean





UK Health
Security
Agency

Beat the Heat

Keep in touch



Look after yourself, older people and the young



Listen to the weather forecast and the news



Plan ahead to avoid the heat

Keep well



Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol



Dress appropriately for the weather



Slow down when it is hot

Find somewhere cool



Know how to keep your home cool



Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler



Cars get hot, avoid closed spaces

Watch out



Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness



Cool your skin with water, slow down and drink water



Stay safe when swimming



Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to www.nhs.uk/heatwave

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