



Mission Statement

Guided by Jesus' love and example, we use our gifts to grow, pray and learn as a community; united in faith.

Saturday 16th July 2022

Early Closing – Monday 18th July & Tuesday 19th July

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I am writing to inform you that, after consulting the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT and the local governing body, St John Fisher CVA will **close early at 12.30pm** on Monday 18th July and Tuesday 19th July due to the predicted extreme weather expected on both of these days.

Following the updated 'RED' alert for predicted extreme weather by the Met Office and The Level 4 National Heat Health Warning issued by the government yesterday, we want to make sure that we do everything we can to ensure pupils and their families are safe and remain in good health during this period. This level of alert is used when a heatwave is so severe and/or prolonged that its effects extend outside the health and social care system. At this level, illness may occur among the fit and healthy, and not just in high-risk groups.

You will have heard that some schools in the area are closing and some are not. Some of the Catholic schools in Derby city have made the decision to close early. My main reasons for early closure are the lack of ventilation, no air conditioning in school and the lack of shaded areas in our outdoor areas.

On Monday and Tuesday we will arrange to have lunch slightly earlier so that you can collect your children at **12.30pm** and be home in time before the temperatures really start to rise.

For those two afternoons, you will receive information about school work and ideas for activities to complete at home from your child's class teacher through Seesaw. Your child may complete this work at home during the afternoon closures. We appreciate that each family's situation is different so please do not feel any pressure about this work. We just want to ensure that your child has the opportunity to continue with their learning whilst away from school. If you have any concerns about your child's work, please contact your child's class teacher through Seesaw on Monday or Tuesday.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office using admin@djf.srscmat.co.uk or via telephone on 01332 572154.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you, your child and your family and to thank you for the support you are giving to ensure your child, your family, our staff and our community remain safe and well in the coming week.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

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