

The Island Project School

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Serving the needs of children with autism and related communication disorders in Warwickshire & the West Midlands

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Dear Parents/Carers

Amber Weather Warning

As you may be aware, Public Health England has issued guidance following the issuing of an Amber Weather Warning by the Met Office.

The guidance issued states :

Latest update

New [heatwave alerts](#) have been issued across large parts of England to warn people about hot weather forecast over the coming days.

Dr Thomas Waite, Consultant in Health Protection at Public Health England, said:
Temperatures are likely to rise on Friday through the weekend and potentially into next week, which may leave older people, young children and those with long-term conditions . . . , struggling to adapt to the heat. So keep an eye on friends and family who may be at risk.

To beat the heat, try to keep out the sun from 11am to 3pm, walk in the shade if you can, apply sunscreen and wear a hat if you have to go out in the heat. Also try to carry water with you when travelling.

Read [top tips for staying safe in the heat](#).

The NUT advises that 26°C should be the absolute maximum temperature in which teachers should work, Whilst the TUC advocates for a 30°C maximum temperature.

Yesterday, temperatures at the College Site and Birmingham Road reached 33 degrees. By attempting to keep pupils indoors between 11am and 3pm, we are unable to keep pupils cool as the buildings do not have air conditioning. With yesterday's humidity levels, even when outside, providing shade for pupils did not keep them cool

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If these excessive temperatures continue during the remaining two weeks, we will be closing both sites to pupils if the forecast issued by the Met Office for the region indicates that temperatures are expected to reach over 28 degrees.

As with severe winter weather, if the decision is taken to close School and College, parents will receive a text alert and/or a message from the Unit Head, Head of School or Head of FE. In addition, notification will be put on our Facebook page, which will also feed through to the school website and transport providers will be contacted.

Finally, if you wish to opt out of any future text alerts, can you please let me know

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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School Principal