

Our Ref: CS/School Closure

Date: Wednesday 24th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

School Closure Due to Extreme Heat

Following careful consideration of the weather forecast and in consultation with the Trust, we have taken the decision to close Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School to pupils on **Thursday 25th June 2026** due to the extreme temperatures predicted.

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff is always our priority. Despite the measures we have in place, the forecast temperatures are expected to create conditions that may impact pupils' health, concentration and wellbeing throughout the school day.

The school will therefore be closed to pupils on **Thursday 25th June 2026** and will reopen as normal on **Friday 26th June 2026**, subject to any further updates.

We are continuing to monitor the weather forecast closely and will review arrangements for **Friday 26th June 2026** based on the latest weather information and guidance. We will contact all parents and carers as soon as possible should any changes be required. Until advised otherwise, parents should assume that the school will reopen as normal on Friday and that pupils will be expected to attend in full school uniform.

We appreciate that this decision may cause inconvenience for some families; however, it has been made with the best interests of our pupils in mind.

Provision for Vulnerable Pupils

We recognise that some families may require support during the closure. As a result, the school will remain open for a limited number of vulnerable pupils.

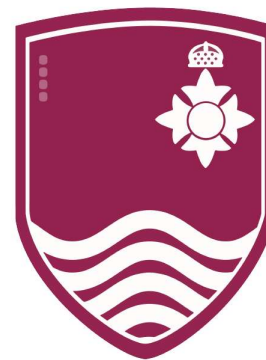
If you believe your child meets these criteria and would like them to attend school on **Thursday 25th June 2026**, please contact enquiry@decschool.co.uk as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Places will need to be confirmed in advance to ensure suitable staffing and supervision are available.

Remote learning

As the school is required to close, pupils will continue their learning remotely to minimise disruption to their education and help them stay on track with their studies.

Instructions for remote learning, together with links to the work pupils need to complete, can be found on the Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School website: <https://decschool.co.uk/school-closure/>



**Dame Elizabeth
Cadbury School**
www.decschool.co.uk



Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School
Woodbrooke Road
Bournville
Birmingham
B30 1UL



Matrix
Academy Trust
EDUCATION WITHOUT EXCEPTION

0121 464 4040



Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School



dameelizabethcadbury



enquiry@decschool.co.uk



Pupils will need to log in using their school email account to access the work. Some documents may need to be downloaded before they can be completed.

Staying Safe in the Heat

During periods of extreme heat, we encourage all families to follow the guidance below:

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Stay indoors during the hottest part of the day where possible (typically between 11am and 3pm).
- Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing.
- Apply sunscreen regularly when outdoors.
- Seek shade whenever possible.
- Avoid strenuous physical activity during the hottest parts of the day.
- Check regularly on younger children, older relatives and anyone who may be vulnerable to the effects of heat.

Open Water Safety

We are also aware that warm weather can lead young people to seek ways to cool down outdoors. We would ask parents and carers to remind their children of the dangers associated with swimming in open water.

Pupils should:

- Never swim in rivers, canals, lakes, reservoirs or quarries.
- Never enter open water without appropriate supervision.
- Be aware that water can be much colder than it appears, even during hot weather.
- Understand that strong currents, hidden obstacles and sudden drops in depth can pose serious risks.
- Only swim in designated, supervised swimming facilities.

We would be grateful if you could reinforce these safety messages with your child.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Seager
Head of School



Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School
Woodbrooke Road
Bournville
Birmingham
B30 1UL



Matrix
Academy Trust
EDUCATION WITHOUT EXCEPTION

0121 464 4040



Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School



dameelizabethcadbury



enquiry@decschool.co.uk

