

24 June 2026



Smestow Academy
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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: School Closure – Thursday 25th June 2026

Following careful consideration of the weather forecast and the exceptionally high temperatures predicted for Thursday 25th June 2026, we have made the decision to close Smestow Academy to pupils on this day.

This decision has not been taken lightly. Our priority is always the safety, wellbeing and learning of our pupils and staff. Due to the extreme heat forecast, we believe that closing the school for one day is the most appropriate course of action.

At present, our intention remains to **open the school as normal on Friday 26th June 2026**. The latest weather forecasts indicate slightly lower temperatures during the hours pupils will be in school, and we will continue to monitor the situation closely. Should there be any change to this position, we will communicate with families as soon as possible, but if you do not receive further communication on this then the school is open.

Pupils who need to attend school

We recognise that some pupils may need to attend school due to health, social or other serious known circumstances. If you believe your child falls into this category, please email postbox@smestowacademy.co.uk as soon as possible, outlining the reason. We will then contact you regarding appropriate arrangements.

Learning from home

All pupils are expected to engage in learning from home on Thursday 25th June 2026.

ClassCharts will be our main platform for setting and accessing work. Staff will upload work to ClassCharts (this may appear as a homework) and will be available via their school email accounts throughout the day to support pupils and answer questions.

This approach has several advantages:

- Staff and pupils are already familiar with ClassCharts.
- All pupils can access work in one place.
- Parents and carers can view tasks and support learning at home.
- Teachers can easily monitor completion of work.
- Learning can continue without pupils needing specific exercise books or resources at home.

Online Learning Platforms

Where appropriate, staff may direct pupils to complete work through platforms such as:

- Sparx Maths
- Sparx Reader



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- Kay Science
- Other subject-specific learning platforms

If your child requires a password reset for any online platform, please contact Postbox and we will support you as quickly as possible.

Where an online platform is not available, staff will set alternative work, which may include research-based activities, extended reading, written tasks, or subject-specific projects.

Staff Support

Although pupils will be learning from home, staff will be working and available throughout the day via their school email accounts.

This means pupils can:

- Ask questions about their learning.
- Seek clarification where needed.
- Receive support from their teachers.

While staff will not be delivering live lessons, they will respond to emails during the school day.

Timing of Work

We understand that some families may have multiple children sharing devices at home. To support this, all learning tasks will be uploaded to ClassCharts by 9:30am on Thursday morning. This will allow families to plan access to devices throughout the day and ensure all pupils have the opportunity to complete their work.

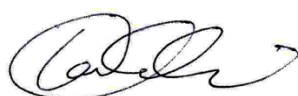
Thank you for your understanding and support. We appreciate that this closure may cause inconvenience, but we believe it is the right decision given the exceptional weather conditions forecast.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Friday 26th June 2026, subject to conditions remaining as currently forecast.

French Speaking Exam

Year 10 French speaking examinations will be rearranged for another appropriate time next week.

Yours faithfully



Mr I Chamberlain
Headteacher

