

On 9th July, following the unprecedented heatwave which necessitated the school closing for a few days, the governors met with a group of parents. Not surprisingly, the building and what needs to be done to heat-proof it for the future was high on the agenda.

Below are some notes from the meeting. You will see that there are quite a few actions planned. If anyone has anything else to add, don't hesitate to email Kate or me. A joint effort will be beneficial to the school.

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Action Points from Parent/Governor meeting: 9th July 2026

1. On Emergency Closure Policy:

- a). Longer-term closure to be added, plus the expectations of parents in such a situation – Google classroom e.g.
- b). Automatic policy for actions, clearly set out including timeframe for decisions.

2. On Hot Weather Policy:

- a). More specificity about what happens if Red or Amber alert. What degree of heat triggers what response.
- b). Early warning to parents if weather forecast looks like heat wave in, say, two weeks.

3. On Communication generally:

- a). Use website more – news on front page – set up emergency page on website
- b). Find ways of involving more parents with governors – more inclusivity. Have termly parents' meetings.
- c). Have Comms Working Party – invite parents to join.
- d). Communicate more with parents about what going on/decisions taken etc.
- e). More emphasis on using parents/school community skills to add to governors' skills

4. Fund-raising:

- a). Use Building Programme Action Plan strategically to bid for funds for capital projects that won't be funded by L.A.
- b). Investigate mapping of funding availability – is there a government website? How to get in the loop of potential funds? [Holly mentioned 2 funding opportunities last year for research/surveys re overheating etc]
- c). Need to have a prioritised shopping list by needs to be enshrined in a plan
- d). Would the school be better off as part of a 'federation' [eg part of a multi academy trust]?

5. Building Programme

- a). Set up working party to discuss Building Programme Action Plan – invite parents, governors, Friends of Reay in September