

8 June 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Early Closure – 2.30pm - Wednesday 23rd June 2010

I am sure it cannot have escaped you that the nation is currently gripped by World Cup fever. Here at The Streetly School we are using this opportunity, in support of our Sports Specialism, to engage as many young people as possible with PE and Sporting activities.

We have a passion for sport at Streetly, as was evident in our outstanding Sports Day at the Alexander Stadium last month, and will again be seen during the Lloyds TSB National School Sports Week at the end of this month with all our students engaging with sports related activities both in and out of lessons, and both in and out of school.

This passion for sport has, however, left us with a dilemma. On Wednesday, 23rd June, England will be playing their final Group C qualifying match against Slovenia. The kick-off for this match is 3.00pm. We are well aware that many of our students, staff, and indeed parents will want to see this match, considering how vital it may be for England's progress in the tournament. With this in mind, we have decided to close the school on this day at **2.30pm**. Students will be registered during period 5. For those students who cannot be collected until their usual time of 3.20pm, facilities and supervision will be made available within school.

This is the only occasion where such actions will be necessary as all subsequent England games on route to the final (I'm forever the optimist) will not have a midweek early kick-off.

The unusual nature of this early closure will, I'm sure, not be to everyone's preference, however my informal feedback from parents, and of course students, is that there is a general wave of support for this decision.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Downie

Headteacher