

22nd June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, the extreme heat this week is a significant concern for us all. I have reviewed the latest advice and guidance on mitigating the risks associated with high temperatures, and we are putting a number of measures in place to keep students and staff as safe and comfortable as possible.

School Closure (Early Finish)

The school will close at **12.25pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**

The bus companies have confirmed that they can pick up at this earlier time; more communications will follow regarding this.

Sports Week

All Sports Week activities have been cancelled this week due to the risks from the extreme heat.

Other Measures to Mitigate Heat Risks

To ensure we manage conditions safely throughout the week, the following steps will be taken:

- Classroom ventilation — All classroom doors will remain open to allow airflow. Windows will be opened and blinds kept closed, ensuring shade without blocking ventilation.
- Room temperature monitoring — The site team will regularly check temperatures in rooms known to get hotter. Lessons may be relocated if necessary.
- Hydration and breaks — Students will be encouraged to drink plenty of water and will be allowed regular water and toilet breaks. This will naturally mean more movement around the site, but this week's conditions require flexibility.
- Support for vulnerable students — We have identified students who may be at additional risk due to medical conditions. These students will be monitored closely and may be sent home if needed.
- Reduced heat-generating activities — Staff will minimise activities that generate heat, including PE, use of ovens or Bunsen burners, and certain DT equipment.
- Use of outdoor spaces — The fields will be closed until Friday. Students will be encouraged to stay in shaded areas during breaks.
- Additional indoor space — The theatre will be open at lunchtime today as an extra air-conditioned space.

Other Considerations This Week

- If your child normally receives a Free School Meal a packed lunch will be provided to take away on the days of early closure.
- Sixth Form new intake day will continue as planned for periods 1–3 tomorrow. We may rearrange periods 4 and 5 and further communications will be sent regarding this.
- Prom on Friday will go ahead as normal.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to keep everyone safe during this period of exceptional weather. Further updates will follow as required.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Henderson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Alan Henderson
Principal

