



22nd June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you on the arrangements we will be putting in place this week in response to the exceptionally high temperatures forecast for our area. The wellbeing and safety of our students and staff is always our priority. Having carefully considered the forecast and the challenges presented by prolonged periods of extreme heat in a school environment, we have made the following adjustments to our plans for the week. These arrangements will, of course, be reviewed should the forecast change.

Tuesday

On Tuesday, we will operate as normal during the morning but with an extended break to ensure all students can get lunch and fill up water bottles. Students will then be dismissed at 12.30pm before temperatures are expected to reach their highest levels. Students will be provided with work for Period 5 and 6, which they should complete at home. This work will be available via Google Classroom. Students will only be able to purchase food at break time and students entitled to free school meals must access this during the morning break or collect from The Student Diner at 12.30pm. We will inform students that once they have been dismissed, they must go directly home and engage with their afternoon learning.

Wednesday and Thursday

The school will be closed to students on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June. Learning will continue remotely on both days, with students expected to attend live online lessons following their normal timetable. Further information about accessing lessons remotely will be shared with students before Tuesday afternoon and shared with Parents and Carers. We recognise that this may create childcare challenges for some families. However, given the forecast temperatures and the limitations of our school buildings in maintaining safe and comfortable learning environments during extreme heat, we believe this is the most appropriate course of action.

Friday

We are currently planning for Friday to be a normal school day, with students continuing to wear PE kit. We will update you later this week if the forecast changes.

Changes to Planned Events

We regret to inform you that all events scheduled for this week must be postponed. This affects The Junior Theatre Company Show, The CPA Award Evening, and the SORC PE Kit sale. We will share rescheduled dates and further details shortly.

Year 10 Exams

Year 10 exams on Tuesday will go ahead as planned, though with a modified timetable. The afternoon MFL and Computer Science exams will now take place immediately after break, and students will be dismissed at 1.00pm. However, all exams scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday have been postponed until our return to school. We will send further details about the rearranged exam timetable directly to students soon.

We appreciate that these arrangements are unusual and may cause some inconvenience. Thank

you for your understanding and support as we seek to balance students' education with their wellbeing during this period of exceptional weather. Should there be any changes to the forecast or the plans outlined above, we will communicate these with you as quickly as possible.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Osborne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a stylized "O".

Daniel Osborne
Principal