



22nd June 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

I am writing to inform you of some temporary changes we will be making to the school day from tomorrow, in response to the current period of very hot weather. These adjustments are designed to ensure that we continue to prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of all students while maintaining learning as effectively as possible. Today (Monday) there has been no requirement for students to wear blazers, jumpers or ties and students have been permitted to undo top buttons and untuck their shirts to make them as comfortable as possible.

From **Tuesday onwards, all students will be able to wear their PE kit irrespective of whether they have PE** (not just year 9 and 10 who have PE, as previously communicated).

Please note:

- Only regulation PE kit is permitted – plain (non-branded) white and plain (non-branded) navy blue t-shirts will be permitted
- Students wearing non-regulation items (e.g. cycling shorts or casual clothing) will be required to change or will be placed in RESET
- Students may wear hats or caps at break and lunchtime, but not around the school in transition
- All students should bring a water bottle and are encouraged to stay well hydrated

Additional measures in place include:

- Extra jugs of cold water will be available at break and lunchtime to support hydration
- A3 will be open to provide additional shade and shelter for Year 7 students during break time
- The LRC, canteen and outdoor sheltered areas will be available as normal for shade from the sun
- Outdoor activity will be limited and students will be encouraged to remain in shaded areas during break time

Given the forecast temperatures, **from tomorrow, we will shorten the school day so that it finishes at 1:15pm, with students departing the site at 1:30pm.** This allows us to avoid the hottest part of the afternoon and helps ensure that students can travel home before temperatures reach their peak.

As part of these changes, District Sports for Year 7 has been cancelled and assemblies will not take place this week.

We will continue with key activities where it is safe to do so. The Year 12 Chichester trip, the Year 10 Aldershot Trip will go ahead as planned, as will the school show with additional measures in place to reduce heat where needed. The Parent Forum scheduled for Wednesday will be cancelled, however we will respond to the questions that have already been raised.

Throughout the day, we are taking a number of steps to help keep students safe and comfortable. Teaching and movement have been adjusted to reduce time spent in warmer conditions, and we have removed more physically demanding activities. Students are encouraged to remain well hydrated, and we are increasing access to water across the site. We are also closely monitoring classroom temperatures so that we can respond quickly if any areas become too warm.

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To support students at lunchtime, we will be providing cold, grab-and-go lunch options for all, including those entitled to free school meals. Students will have the opportunity at the end of Period 4 before tutor time and dismissal to obtain food from the canteen.

We are very mindful that an earlier finish may present challenges for some families, and therefore our Learning Resource Centre will remain open and supervised until 3:10pm. This will provide a safe, cool space for students who need to wait for school transport or who are unable to return home earlier than usual. Remote learning will be set on Satchel for students to engage in where possible, in place of Period 5 lessons.

The primary risks during this period are dehydration, heat exhaustion and overheating. In line with NHS and national guidance, we will continue to take precautions to reduce risk. We will encourage students to drink regularly, stay cool and avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.

For further information, parents may find the following guidance helpful:

- NHS: [Heat exhaustion and heatstroke](#)
- NHS: [How to cope in hot weather](#)

These changes are intended to reduce students' exposure to the most intense heat while allowing us to continue operating safely and sensibly. We will keep the situation under close review and will communicate any further changes if required.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards



Mr P Foster

Headteacher

Key Points:

- 1.30pm Closure (Tuesday to Friday)
- PE Kit for all (Tuesday to Friday)
- All students to bring a water bottle
- LRC available if students unable to travel home until normal time
- Work available on Satchel for P5 lessons