

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers, Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our continued monitoring of the weather forecast and ongoing dynamic risk assessment, I am writing to confirm the arrangements for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

The latest forecasts indicate that temperatures will increase considerably from the morning and are expected to be particularly high around 1pm. This coincides with the time when students would usually be outside during their lunch break and may present an increased risk to the health and wellbeing of members of our school community.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remain central to all decisions we make. Following careful consideration of the most recent weather information and a review of our risk assessment, we have decided to adjust the school day and **close earlier on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.**

All students will be provided with lunch inside the school building before being dismissed on a staggered basis during Period 4. This arrangement will minimise the amount of time students spend outdoors during the hottest part of the day while ensuring that they have eaten before leaving the academy.

A text message will be sent to parents and carers on Friday morning confirming the anticipated dismissal time for each year group. We will continue to monitor the forecast closely and, if weather conditions change significantly, review our plans and communicate any necessary updates as soon as possible.

Students are not required to wear or bring their school blazer but should attend in all other items of full school uniform, including their school tie. All students should bring a refillable water bottle and are encouraged to apply sunscreen before arriving at school.

We will continue to adapt arrangements throughout the school day where required. This may include moving lessons to cooler areas of the building and providing additional drinking water for students.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we respond to the changing weather conditions. Our dynamic risk assessment will continue to guide our decisions, and we will make any further adjustments required to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone within our school community.

Yours faithfully,

Claire Bessa  
**Principal**