

Monday 22 June 2026

Dear Adults with Parental Responsibility,

As many of you will have seen, temperatures are set to increase over the next few days. The Met Office have issued a Red Weather Warning for Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June and an Amber Alert is already in place for the whole of the week.

Our priority is to make sure that all students remain comfortable, safe and ready to learn while the extreme weather continues and I ask for your support in the following ways:

- Students should bring a **refillable water bottle** to school each day. Water bottles can be refilled and staff will regularly remind students to stay hydrated. We have set up extra water stations and have extra water bottles available to support this.
- Students' uniforms should be adjusted to ensure they remain as cool as possible on the way to and from school and during the school day . We have made the following adjustments to uniform rules for this period (students do not need to wear or bring their blazer to school, they are advised not to wear jumpers or cardigans. Students should wear their school trousers, skirts, white blouse or abaya and hijab).
- Students are encouraged to **use shaded areas** during break and lunchtime whenever possible and bring a sun hat with them. We have put up additional gazebos for use during break and lunch
- If your child uses sunscreen, please ensure it is **applied before they leave for school** in the morning

Staff will closely monitor all students throughout the day and the school has reviewed the risk assessments in place for more vulnerable students. Staff are also making any necessary adjustments to lessons to ensure students remain safe, comfortable, and able to learn effectively during the hot weather. PE, Science and ADT lessons are taking the weather into account and adjusting activities. Lessons in classrooms prone to higher temperatures have been re-roomed to cooler areas of the school. We have also identified some 'cool zones' for students if and when required.

A shorter school day on Tuesday 23 June and Wednesday 24 June

We have used the guidance from the Department for Education, Newham and the Trust to inform our decision to shorten the school day on Tuesday and Wednesday this week . This is because temperatures are expected to hit their highest peak between 1300-1500. This would mean students would **attend school from 0830 - 1200** and be **dismissed** to make their own way home between **1200-1215**. Students eligible for Free School Meals would be provided with food before they leave school on these days.

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There will be provision in school between 1200-1500 for students who cannot go home. Please inform us if your daughter requires this provision by completing the reply slip below and making sure your daughter gives this to her Form Tutor on **Tuesday 23 June before 0900.**

Sports Day - Thursday 25 June 2026 is definitely cancelled and it is likely we will also shorten the school day . You will be sent more information about the shortened day on Thursday later this week

Please look out for updates about this on arbor and the school website.

Thank you for working with us to manage these extreme weather conditions.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Rae Potter

Headteacher

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Please return this reply slip to your Form Tutor before 0900 on Tuesday 23 June 2026

Student Name:..... Form Group :.....

I would like my daughter to remain in school on between 1200 - 1500 on Tuesday 23 June and Wednesday 24 June and , if the school day is shorter, on Thursday 26 June

Signed:..... Name Date
(Adult with parental responsibility)

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