



22 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

The Met Office has issued a Red Weather Warning for Extreme Heat for our area in the coming days. The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remain our highest priority and we are, therefore, implementing our Hot Weather Plan in line with guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

At present, the Department for Education does not normally advise schools to close during periods of hot weather, as schools can usually operate safely with appropriate measures in place. However, schools are expected to take all reasonable steps to ensure students remain safe and comfortable.

Measures We Are Taking

To reduce the impact of the extreme temperatures, the Academy will:

- Ensure students have regular access to drinking water throughout the day
- Encourage frequent hydration
- Keep classrooms and indoor areas as cool as possible through ventilation and shading
- Open windows and doors where safe to improve airflow and cross-ventilation
- Limit heat-generating equipment where possible
- Monitor indoor temperatures and adjust activities accordingly
- Re-room lessons to cooler areas of the school where possible
- Provide additional supervision and support for vulnerable students and those with medical conditions
- Ensure first aid staff remain vigilant for signs of heat-related illness

Uniform Arrangements

In accordance with DfE guidance, we are temporarily relaxing elements of our uniform policy. Students may:

- Remove blazers and ties or alternatively they can wear the Kings PE kit
- Wear a hat when outside during breaks and lunchtime

Outdoor Activities and Physical Education

- PE lessons will be adapted or moved indoors where appropriate
- Strenuous outdoor activities will be reduced, postponed or cancelled
- Students will be encouraged to remain in shaded areas during breaks and lunchtime
- Outdoor events and school trips will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and we will communicate further details if necessary

How Parents and Carers Can Help

Please support us by ensuring your child:

- Brings a refillable water bottle to school each day to encourage your child to remain well hydrated throughout the day
- Applies sunscreen before arriving at school

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- Brings additional sunscreen for reapplication if required
- Wears appropriate clothing in line with the temporary uniform arrangements
- Has any necessary medication available, particularly if they have a medical condition that may be affected by hot weather

Recognising Heat-Related Illness

- Please be aware of the signs of heat exhaustion, which may include:
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Excessive sweating
- Tiredness
- Nausea
- Pale or clammy skin

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will communicate any changes to arrangements, should conditions worsen, or further official guidance be issued. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work together to keep all members of our school community safe during this period of extreme heat.

Yours sincerely

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