

15 July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for the Amber Extreme Heat Warning Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th July.

As was the case earlier in the term the vast majority of students have behaved impeccably during the hot weather and have followed the sensible steps outlined in the general heat and safety guidance that has been issued. This week, with temperatures in the high 20s, classrooms have become very hot in the afternoon. Temperatures are forecast to be in the mid-thirties by the afternoon on the first two days of next week and so, in conjunction with the other two schools in our Trust (Therfield School, Leatherhead and The Ashcombe in Dorking) we have made the decision to close early on Monday and Tuesday.

Students in year 7 & 8 will be dismissed at 12:00
Students in year 9 & 10 will be dismissed at 12:15

We were due to hold our summer concert on Monday but due to the weather we will be postponing this until the start of the new academic year. We are very sorry that we are unable to reschedule but were using a number of external professionals who have other commitments.

There is no weather warning issued for Wednesday with temperatures returning to mid-20s, so our plan is for this day and for the rest of the week to be normal school times. Friday 22 July will be an early finish with all students being dismissed as per Monday and Tuesday (y7 & 8 at 12:00 and y9 & 10 at 12:15) Of course, we will keep things under review and should forecasts and plans change we will let you know next week.

As has been the case this week, students should continue to wear school PE kit and bring a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle every day.

Please do continue to encourage your child to make sensible choices over the last few days of term and particularly on Monday and Tuesday afternoons when school is closed.

If you are worried about potential travel disruptions then we will make exceptions for students who cannot get in. Please call this in to our attendance line as per normal absences. (01737764356 option 1)

Students wanting to keep busy are welcome to use the Remote Learning site or to write up a review of the Culture and Challenge Days, which can be submitted to Mr Miles for extra end of term credits.



Surrey County Council have offered the following advice for families:

The county council advice to the public is in line with [UK Health Security Agency](#) and [Public Health advice](#), and those messages have been shared over the previous seven days, and will continue to be shared.

We are also promoting water safety advice and warning people not to have BBQs in outdoor spaces such as our commons via [Surrey Fire & Rescue Service](#), your assistance in reinforcing those messages via your usual communication channels will be much appreciated.

- It can be tempting to cool off in open water when the weather is hot, but this can be unsafe and increase the risk of gastrointestinal illnesses or stomach bugs. Keep you and your family safe with water safety advice: [Water Safety Advice | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](#)
- Swimming in reservoirs is dangerous. These are operational sites and even the strongest swimmers can get into serious difficulties. There is a leaflet about open water swimming (swimming in lakes, rivers and reservoirs) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/swim-healthy-leaflet>
- 'What is Lyme disease, and why do we need to be tick aware?' <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/04/13/what-is-lyme-disease-and-why-do-we-need-to-be-tick-aware/>
- The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has lots of information and advice on its website around food preparation and handling <https://www.food.gov.uk/food-safety>
- Advice on [Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Best wishes

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