

22nd June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

With exceptionally high temperatures forecast this week and in light of the new red weather alert, we are writing to update you on further arrangements we have put in place to help keep students safe and comfortable.

School Events (under review each day)

Following a review of the weather forecast, we have made the decision to continue to offer our Sports Week for students but with significantly reduced activities to remove the longer track events. The events will take place during lessons 1 and 2, ensuring that this is in the coolest part of the day and that there is plenty of cover for students between events. We will, of course, continue to monitor this on a daily basis.

Early Closure Arrangements (under review each day)

Following a risk assessment of our classrooms and to minimise students' exposure to the highest temperatures during the day, the school will close early on **Wednesday and Thursday this week. Students are expected to go straight home and not to spend any time outdoors in direct sunlight. We attach a reminder of a water safety poster for your information.**

- Lunch will be served from 12.20 p.m. – 1.00 p.m. for all year groups and there will be a short afternoon registration in their tutor rooms at 1.00 p.m.
- Students will then be dismissed at 1.10 p.m. Arrangements have been made with the bus companies for early collection. Students who walk may leave site at 1.10 p.m.
- Students who are unable to leave school at this time will be supervised on site in designated cooler areas until the end of the normal school day. If you wish your child to remain on school site, please can you notify our attendance team via email attendance@thedeanacademy.org so that appropriate supervision can be arranged.
- Our late bus will run from 3.10 p.m. – if you require booking for this please can you email info@thedeanacademy.org.

Lunch Arrangements

Lunch service will operate as normal throughout the week. Adjustments we have made to our break and lunch time activities include:

- Students are encouraged to remain in shaded areas or indoors.
- Additional water stations will be available around the site to help students remain hydrated throughout the day.





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Uniform Arrangements

To help students remain comfortable in the hot weather, uniform expectations have been temporarily adjusted. Students may continue to wear their PE kit or school uniform with no tie, as previously communicated, as this remains a lighter and more comfortable option during the heatwave.

Additional Measures

The following measures remain in place throughout the period of extreme temperatures:

- We strongly encourage all students to bring a hat, apply sunscreen before school and carry a refillable water bottle each day.
- Additional water stations are available around the school site to ensure students can refill bottles regularly and stay hydrated.

We appreciate your support in helping students prepare for the hot weather and ensuring they come to school ready to stay cool and hydrated.

Please note that we will review this decision on a daily basis and follow all updated guidance from the DfE and Public Health England.

For students in Year 10 who had scheduled assessments at these times, we will ensure that the assessments are rescheduled for the earliest opportunity and communicate this with you.

A gentle reminder – Friday 26th June is a planned INSET day so no students are expected on site.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Rowlands
Headteacher

