

**22 June 2026**

**Subject: High temperatures this week: temporary arrangements for students**

Dear Parents and Carers,

With high temperatures forecast this week, we are putting temporary arrangements in place to ensure that all students remain safe, comfortable and able to learn effectively.

We recognise that many families will have concerns about the expected heat, particularly across Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. At present, the Department for Education is not advising school closures, but recommends that schools make sensible adjustments during periods of extreme heat.

**Temporary adaptations for this week:**

For the remainder of this week, staff and students are permitted to wear **school-appropriate non-uniform**.

We ask for your support in ensuring that students dress appropriately for not only the warm weather, but also for the school environment. **Clothing must provide suitable coverage at all times:**

- Smart shorts, including smart denim shorts and skirts or dresses must be of a respectable length (no hot pants, miniskirts or mini dresses).
- Tops should provide appropriate coverage (no crop tops, beachwear or tops showing bare midriff).
- Footwear must be fully enclosed (no sandals, sliders or Crocs).

**Students arriving in unsuitable clothing will be asked to return home to change.**

**Please note:** This is a temporary adjustment to uniform expectations, so **all other expectations around jewellery, makeup, hair and nails still apply.**

**Staying safe in the heat**

Please also ensure that your child:

- Brings a refillable water bottle each day
- Applies sunscreen before school
- Wears a sensible sun hat if they would like to

Students are encouraged to fill their water bottles at break and lunch times and should make use of shaded areas and indoor social spaces where required.

Water must be used responsibly at all times. Misuse of water will not be tolerated – throwing water, water fights, the use of water balloons or water guns will result in sanctions in line with the school's behaviour policy.

### **Adjustments in school**

We are also implementing the following measures:

- Classroom doors and windows opened to improve ventilation, blinds and curtains drawn where applicable.
- Access to water fountains across the site.
- Increased use of **shaded and indoor spaces**.
- PE lessons will be adapted. Students should continue to bring their **full PE kit**.
- **All after school PE clubs and fixtures cancelled this week**. We are waiting for further information about the planned U15 cricket semi-final for the county cup and will update the parents of the students involved once this is confirmed.
- **The boys' charity run event planned for P5 on Thursday will be rescheduled**.
- For health and safety reasons, **Food Technology practical lessons are cancelled this week**. We will look to reschedule these over the coming weeks.
- Movement of lessons to **cooler ground floor classrooms where possible**.

### **Year 10 Examinations**

Year 10 students attending examinations may also wear non-uniform, in line with this guidance.

Please ensure that any water bottles taken into examination venues have labels removed.

### **Ongoing review**

We will continue to review conditions throughout the week and will provide an update for the next week in due course.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Year Team.

Thank you for your support.

### **Hailsham Academy Secondary Phase**