



5 September 2023

Dear families

Hot Weather

As you will be aware, we are experiencing higher temperatures in the South East throughout this week and we have been closely monitoring the weather forecast.

At such times we always work to mitigate any higher temperatures to help our students feel safe and comfortable by:

- Ventilating areas of the school and using fans in classrooms where possible
- Moving lessons to classrooms with cooler temperatures where possible
- Reminding everyone to stay hydrated, drinking regularly
- When outside at break time, encouraging students to use the shaded areas around the school
- Adjusting activities so that we avoid students being in direct sun for any length of time
- Lowering blinds in the evening to try to keep classrooms cooler
- Ensuring staff are aware of the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke and first aid providers know how to treat suspected cases.

In addition to these measures we will allow students to **remove their jumper and ties and wear their Sackville PE shorts for the remainder of this week**, should they wish to.

YEAR 7 & YEAR 11 INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS - PLEASE NOTE: As students in year 7 and year 11 will be having their individual head & shoulder photos taken tomorrow (Wednesday), they will be required to wear their tie and jumper for this. Therefore, please remember to bring these items of uniform with you.

Finally, if you could please help us by

- Sending your child in with some sun cream protection
- Encourage them to bring in a hat or cap to wear outside
- Ensuring they have their own water bottle and fill this up every break and at the end of the day for their journey home, particularly as this is when temperatures are likely to be at their peak.

Looking at the current weather forecast, higher temperatures will remain in place until Sunday and, at present, Monday looks to be the start of returning to lower temperatures. Therefore, all students will be expected back in full school uniform from Monday 11 September.

Longer term, we are in the process of reviewing our uniform policy, to seek a more suitable and permanent solution to warm weather and will update you in due course.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher