

24 June 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Important update: Extreme heat arrangements this week

Thank you for your patience and support in these highly unusual circumstances. As I write, we are coming to the end of a rather strange, shortened day but your children have been really sensible and have benefited from the morning's education.

Thursday 25 June - Early closure at 12.30pm

As with today, we will open to keep the continuity of education in place, but finish earlier so your children can be in cooler environments in the most extreme heat.

- Blazers and ties will not be required
- Should your child wish, they may wear their **school PE kit** instead. I should stress that clothing worn must still be our school uniform. We provide the option of **school uniform (Blazer and tie not required) or PE kit**, so your children can make a decision on the basis of what is most comfortable for them.
- We have increased the number of school fountains in the past year, but it would still be advisable to bring bottles of water to school.
- If your child has a handheld fan, we would support them being used in school
- Food will be served at 11am from the normal servers.
- Students will leave the premises at 12.30pm to avoid the most extreme heat in the afternoon.

Friday 26 June - Sports Day will run with some changes

The weather forecast suggests a marked drop in temperature on Friday, but it will still be warm. This is an important community event on our calendar, loved by our children, so we will run the Sports Day, but we will make some adjustments. Whilst the forecast is similar to previous Sports Days this will come after two days of extreme heat. Therefore:

- In line with our approach Wednesday and Thursday we will run a reduced Sports Day programme.
- The day will begin with registration on the Common by the Tennis Club at 8.30 and finish early at 12.55pm.
- It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure that your child has sunscreen. We will supply additional sunscreen on the site but it will be the children's responsibility to apply so please be aware that this might be a different brand, particularly if your child has an allergy.
- Please ensure that your child has adequate water. We will set up additional water breaks and will bring over 1000 additional bottles of water with us.
- Your child should have a hat, but umbrellas are a good idea as well.

We look forward to seeing everyone for a wonderful Priory day.

Monday 29 June

The forecast suggests that the weather will be even cooler.

- We will return to full school uniform next week.

As with all weather forecasts, they are subject to change. Should this mean that we need to change our position as the circumstances change, we will write with further information.

We continue to monitor guidance from the Met Office, the UK Health Security Agency and local authorities. Arrangements may need to change at short notice, should weather conditions worsen or further advice be issued.

We appreciate your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Mr Stewart Vaughan



Headteacher

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