



Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Arrangements During Red Weather Alert (Extreme Heat)

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of our arrangements for the next two days, following the red weather alert (extreme heat warning) affecting the Swansea area this week.

After careful consideration, our school will remain open for pupils in Year 7 and Year 10 only on both days. *However, if there are pupils in Years 8 and 9 where parents/carers have worries or concerns over their safety at home, we will also provide a supervision option for these pupils within school. Please send these pupils to the canteen on Wednesday morning.*

If parents/carers of Year 7 and 10 pupils want to keep their child at home over the next two days so they can supervise them themselves, we would respect this decision and we would authorise that absence. Parents and carers of Year 7 and 10 pupils who decide to keep their children at home on Wednesday and/ or Thursday of this week are asked to inform the school of their child's absence via the usual channels.

We have reached this decision on the basis of a careful risk assessment that takes into account the specific circumstances of our school.

Numerous actions have been taken to mitigate the impact of the high temperatures on our pupils. These include:

- Relaxed uniform rules
- Adapting or cancelling planned school activities such as school trips
- Encouraging frequent hydration and ensuring the ready availability of drinking water for all
- Encouraging the use of sun cream
- Wherever possible, taking appropriate measures to cool rooms through the use of fans
- Monitoring of pupils with known health conditions that are particularly affected by the heat
- Moving lessons to cooler areas of the school

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Despite these measures, many areas of our site remain extremely hot and uncomfortable. We recognise that pupils will respond differently to these conditions, particularly those with specific health needs.

However, this must be balanced against wider safety considerations, including:

- The challenge for some families in arranging supervision at short notice
- The risk of pupils not staying hydrated or using sun protection when unsupervised
- Increased risks associated with hot weather, including unsafe swimming in open water

We strongly encourage all families to be aware of these risks and refer to the following guidance: <https://www.rospe.com/leisure-safety/water/advice/summer-water-safety>

Rather than closing fully, therefore, our school will remain open for Years 7 and 10 and for the pupils in the other year groups that need this supervision. We have chosen Year 7 as these are our youngest pupils and the ones most likely to have supervision concerns. Year 10 have been chosen because they are carrying on with their GCSE Studies (Year 10 Geography have an NEA on Wednesday). The canteen will be open but will be serving cold food only.

If your child does attend school, we ask that they:

- Bring a refillable water bottle
- Wear sun cream and, if appropriate, bring additional supplies to reapply during the day
- Wear PE uniform instead of their uniform if they wish. Pupils are welcome to wear sunhats or baseball caps when outside

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and follow all relevant guidance. **Please be aware, therefore, that these arrangements may change if forecasts change, or if we receive further national or local guidance.** Should there be any changes to arrangements, we will communicate these promptly.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

Yours sincerely,



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