



24th June 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Following our recent communications this week regarding the very high temperatures, we have continued to monitor conditions closely across the school site in line with our risk assessment and local authority guidance.

We have worked hard to put mitigation measures in place to enable the school to remain open during the current high temperatures. However, despite these efforts, temperatures in a number of classrooms have become excessively high over the course of the day. In addition, staffing capacity has been impacted due to the wider closure of schools and settings across the area. Forecasts for tomorrow indicate that temperatures will be higher than today, and this has been an important factor in our decision.

As a result, we have taken the decision to close the school to the majority of students tomorrow (Thursday 25th June) in order to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

We recognise that this will cause disruption for families and do not take this decision lightly. As with all such decisions, this has been based on our dynamic risk assessment and our ability to operate safely in current conditions.

Provision in school

We will remain open for students who are not able to be supervised safely at home.

If your child requires on-site provision, please contact the school as soon as possible at whs@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

Students who attend will be supervised on site and provided with appropriate activities in a smaller, controlled environment, with access to cooler or air-conditioned spaces wherever possible. Students that are coming in will need to report to the following locations at 8.40am:

- Years 7-9 - Lower School: Dutch Barn
- Years 10-11 - Upper School: Upper School Hall

Learning

In the short term, teachers will make every effort to set work for the lessons that students would have had, using Microsoft Teams.

Further information

We strongly encourage all students to take care during the current conditions, including:

- staying hydrated
- avoiding prolonged periods in direct sunlight
- taking particular care when travelling or spending time outdoors

Further advice on staying safe in hot weather, including recognising the signs of heat exhaustion and heatstroke, can be found here:

- [NHS 111 Wales - Health A-Z : Heat exhaustion and heatstroke](#)
- [Water safety for teenagers and young people | Canal & River Trust](#)

Looking ahead, based on the current forecast for Friday 26th June, we will return to normal arrangements for a full school day. Temporary uniform adjustments (as per previous communications) will remain in place for Friday. We will continue to monitor conditions closely and will communicate any further updates if required.

From Monday 29th June, uniform expectations will return to normal.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support.

Kind regards,



Nick John
Headteacher