

25 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter on Monday 22 June, I am writing to confirm that the School will be open tomorrow, Friday 26 June, as previously planned. However, **School is closed tomorrow for Year 12 students**, *unless* they are attending the scheduled school trip to Birmingham University.

Following a thorough risk assessment of our buildings this morning and a review of the latest guidance from the Met Office, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Heat Health Alerts, and the Local Authority, we have put plans in place to ensure our staff and students remain safe and comfortable during the warm weather.

We have also carried out a further risk assessment of the Year 12 Birmingham trip and are satisfied that the air-conditioned coaches, measures in place at the venue and our staffing means this trip is safe to go ahead.

Work for Year 12 Students

If your child is in Year 12 and **not** going on the Birmingham Trip, they should remain at home. Work will be set for our Year 12 students following the same process that has been used for the last two days. We recognise the impact of the heat and emphasise that students should work safely. We appreciate that completing work might not be possible for some students. We also understand that some individuals may have additional responsibilities, such as acting as a young carer, and therefore expectations for remote work will remain proportionate and flexible.

Mixed Year Group Trip to the Globe Theatre in London

Our intention is for this trip to go ahead tomorrow, provided that the venue remains open and, most importantly, that the coaches provided have functioning air conditioning. We are actively reviewing the risk assessment and will send out a final confirmation as soon as possible along with guidance on remaining safe.

Please note the important updates and adjustments for tomorrow below:

- **Non-Uniform Day:** Tomorrow will be a non-uniform day as planned. Please ensure your child wears clothes that are appropriate for both the hot weather and a school setting.
- **Stay Hydrated & Protected:** Please remind your child to bring a refillable water bottle and sun cream to school.
- **Classroom Adjustments:** We have arranged "back-up classrooms" for periods 3, 4, and 5 so that staff and students can be moved out of rooms if become too hot.

Year 12 Students Keeping Safe and Cool at Home

During this period of hot weather, we recommend taking the following steps to help keep your child comfortable and safe:

- **Stay hydrated:** Encourage your child to drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- **Keep indoors during peak heat:** Avoid outdoor activities between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM where possible.
- **Create a cool environment:** Keep curtains or blinds closed in sunny rooms, and open windows in the early morning or late evening to allow cooler air to circulate.
- **Dress appropriately:** Loose, light-coloured clothing is best in hot weather.
- **Use sunscreen:** Apply a high-factor sunscreen if your child is outside and reapply it regularly.
- **Rest and quiet activities:** Encourage calm indoor activities to prevent overheating.

Please also remain vigilant for signs of heat-related illness, such as headaches, dizziness, or unusual tiredness, and seek medical advice if needed.

Avoiding Dangerous Activities

It is natural that some teenagers may think it is a good idea during a heatwave to go to a river or lake to stay cool, or to meet up with friends in public parks. However, these activities (particularly when mixed with alcohol) can lead to an increased risk of serious harm. We encourage you to remind your child of these dangers. [This BBC article serves as a timely reminder.](#)

If you have any urgent queries, please contact us at enquiries@smrt.bristol.sch.uk as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



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