



**HEDINGHAM SCHOOL  
AND SIXTH FORM**  
ACHIEVEMENT & EXCELLENCE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I wanted to provide a brief update in relation to our current thinking surrounding the high temperatures of this week.

Unfortunately, our flexibility to adapt school timings has been prevented by the bus companies not being able to alter collection times. With such vast numbers of our students using bus services, this is obviously restrictive.

We have worked hard to ensure that there are organisational adaptations, including:

- The unfortunate cancellation of the Year 5 taster days. Although disappointing for these young people, it presents an avoidable logistical challenge. Extra student numbers also restrict the cooler available spaces for Hedingham students if we are hosting an additional 300 children. We hope to extend an opportunity for these children to visit us at another time
- We are re-rooming the hottest areas of the school to cooler parts of the building. This is primarily classrooms on the upper floor and with south facing glazing
- We have shut the field and encouraged students to remain in shaded areas. Whilst we normally encourage students to use outside spaces during break and lunch time, we are steering children towards indoor spaces
- Students have plenty of areas to get access to water. We encourage students to fill bottles at lunch and break but are also allowing drink breaks within lessons
- We continue to monitor student welfare and are making adjustments to our lesson planning (particularly for afternoon lessons). Some significant adaptations to lessons have been necessary, particularly in practical areas such as PE

Our students have been superb today. Despite the heat being uncomfortable, the building remains calm and purposeful. I am very proud of how they have managed these more challenging current circumstances.

We will continue to monitor the situation as we progress through the week.

Yours sincerely

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