



22 June 2026

Update: Red Weather Warning – Adjustments to the School Day Wednesday 24 June & Thursday 25 June 2026

Dear Parent & Carers,

Following our hot weather guidance, we are writing to inform you of further measures due to the updated red weather warning for extreme heat.

The red weather warnings are currently in place for Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June. The Met Office are currently predicting exceptionally high temperatures for both of these days and have issued the red weather warning.

Following advice from our Health and Safety Advisor and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, we will be reducing the school day on both Wednesday and Thursday of this week only:

- School will start as normal, with students expected onsite at 8:30am.
- The school day will finish at 12:40pm, other than Year 12 students who are undertaking their UCAS exams. Students impacted by this will be communicated with separately.
- Students will be able to collect lunch before they leave, should they wish to do so.
- All students are expected to be offsite by 1:00pm at the latest.
- We advise that all students should travel straight home after leaving school.

Dress Expectations

As advised in our earlier communication:

- We strongly recommend that students wear their school PE kit, in line with our published PE kit requirements (Full PE kit guidance remains available on our website: <https://www.parkhighstanmore.org.uk/schooluniform>).
- If students choose to wear full school uniform, they should not wear blazers or ties.

We recognise that an early school closure may present challenges for some families. If you have any concerns about your child's afternoon arrangements, please complete [this form](#) as soon as possible so that we can provide support where needed.

We will continue to monitor national and local guidance closely and will update you if any further changes are required.

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At present, Friday is not subject to a red weather warning, and therefore the school day will return to normal hours (8:30am – 3:10pm). However, the relaxed uniform arrangements outlined earlier this week will remain in place.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us keep all members of our school community safe.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. O'Dwyer', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Colette O'Dwyer
Headteacher