



CRESTWOOD  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

22 June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Weather Update**

I am writing to you at the end of what has been a particularly uncomfortable day for our students due to the high temperatures. Looking at the weather forecast moving forward, they are forecasting 37°C on both Wednesday and Thursday. These temperatures are for outside conditions and do not take into account the internal environment and the number of students and staff in rooms. The red weather warning area currently divides the campuses in two, but Eastleigh is right on the cusp.

**Today at Shakespeare temperatures in the Crescent reached 45.5°C, and at the Cherbourg Campus science classrooms reached 40°C.**

Guidance from Hampshire County Council has advised each school to review its risk assessment and take into account several factors. Today we have done the following:

- **Protection** – We have communicated with parents to ensure that children are provided with sunscreen with a high protection factor, suitable headwear, such as wide brimmed Hats.
- **Shade** – We have encouraged children and staff to stay in the shade as much as possible. Unfortunately, there is little shade at either campus.
- **Hydration** – We have supplied fresh drinking water, and encouraged students/staff to drink more water than usual.
- **Relaxed uniform rules** – School uniform rules have been relaxed for this week for staff and students. It is disappointing that today many students have abused this or worn inappropriate clothing such as long, thick tracksuit bottoms, leggings and bootie shorts. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for school and for the weather. We will continue to send students home to change and contact parents/carers if these rules are not adhered to.
- **Timetabling**- We are avoiding vigorous physical activity, adapting lessons where needed.
- **Increased use of fans** - but this is just moving the warm air around.
- We have cancelled all after school activities.
- **Managing building temperatures** – We opened the windows as early as possible this morning and doors, and temperatures have risen throughout the day.
- We are keeping the use of electrical equipment to a minimum, where possible, as they may generate additional heat.
- **Vulnerable students and staff** - medical attention has been sought by many students today who cannot cope with the heat.

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My prime concern is the health and well-being of the students and staff moving forward, whilst providing and maintaining a positive learning environment.

**Decisions:**

- **Tuesday 23rd June 2026** - School will be open from 8.30am until 1.00pm, avoiding the main afternoon heat. Students will be able to access lunch and will register with their Period 4 teacher before being released.
- **Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June 2026** - The decision at this time is that the school will be closed to all students and staff. **However, we will confirm this tomorrow evening once we have reviewed the MET Warnings regularly throughout the day.**

If we are closed, then we ask parents/carers to discuss with their child health and safety precautions around [swimming in open waters](#), [sun protection and hydration](#).

**Internal decisions:**

- All internal exams and assessments are postponed this week
- Year 6 transition day will be postponed to **Wednesday, 1st July 2026**
- Transition Evening will be cancelled, and details will be posted online and emailed to parents/carers, including arrangements to collect uniform vouchers
- In the event of the school closing, arrangements will be made for FSM children to collect a packed lunch between 8.00am and 10.00am, if they desire
- Work will be made available on Google Classroom

I sincerely apologise for such decisions, but this is unprecedented, and due to the nature of our buildings, health and wellbeing has to be a priority. We will update you further as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

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