



Our Ref: JL/BML

24 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Extreme Heat Update: Academy Arrangements for Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June 2026

First and foremost, we want to say a huge thank you for your incredible support, patience, and feedback as we navigate this period of intense heat together. When we wrote to you earlier this week, we promised that we would keep our extreme weather arrangements under constant review. Managing the academy site in these temperatures is a balancing act; it is a genuinely difficult decision, and we know that with a community as large as ours, it is almost impossible to find a solution that pleases everyone. However, our absolute priority will always be the safety, health, and wellbeing of our young people and staff.

Academy Attendance for Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June 2026

Having closely reviewed our procedures and the current guidance, **St Peter's will remain fully open and will operate normal school hours for the remainder of the week for students in Years 7, 8 and 9, and those Year 10 students who do not have work experience placements.** We have made this decision because we firmly believe the academy is the safest, most supportive place for students to be during the day. Our new building is structurally cooler than the outdoor temperatures, providing a shielded environment away from direct sunlight. Furthermore, remaining open allows our staff to actively monitor student welfare, ensure everyone stays hydrated, and provide a constant, easily accessible supply of fresh water. We are also continuously tracking classroom conditions around the clock using our temperature monitoring system to ensure our learning spaces remain safe.

An Update on Uniform Expectations

As you know, we relaxed our uniform expectations earlier this week by removing the requirement for blazers, jumpers and ties, allowing top buttons to be undone, and permitting tailored shorts. Our initial rationale for staying in school shirts rather than full PE kits was based on practicality and hygiene: standard school shirt material is actually thinner and more breathable than the synthetic fabric used for our PE tops. Additionally, because students still have practical PE lessons, staying in academy uniform gives them a clean set of clothes to change into rather than sitting in a sweaty kit all day, especially if you only have a single set of PE kit available.

However, we do listen closely to our parent community, and we understand that some students do not own tailored shorts and are struggling in full length trousers. Therefore, while our relaxed standard uniform remains entirely acceptable, **we have decided that from tomorrow (Thursday) until the end of the week, students may choose to wear their full academy PE kit if you and they feel it is a more suitable and manageable option.** To maintain our academy standards and safeguard our community, please note the following conditions:

- This is **not** a non-uniform day. Students choosing this option must wear an official St Peter's PE kit (school PE top and school PE shorts/tracksuit bottoms).
- Appropriate trainers must be worn.
- Standard non-academy clothing, casual sportswear, or branded holiday attire will not be permitted.
- Normal academy uniform resumes from Monday 29 June 2026.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to keep the children safe, comfortable, and learning during this extraordinary heatwave. Your constructive feedback helps us make the best possible adjustments for our young people, and we truly appreciate your cooperation. While we fully expect these plans to see us through to Friday 26 June 2026, we will continue to monitor the situation closely and will update you immediately if any further exceptional changes become necessary.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Lees
Head of School