

# Wanstead High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you about additional risk controls for the hot weather, as it has been a long and challenging day for pupils and staff, especially as the day has progressed. We are aware that some primary schools are closing and that transport may be disrupted, so we are also considering the wider context.

As you can imagine, this is an evolving situation. We have been awaiting guidance from the Local Authority and have been assessing temperatures in classrooms today. Please continue to monitor school communications, as arrangements may change and risk assessments will need to be reviewed regularly.

The following has been agreed for Tuesday to Thursday in the first instance:

## The School Day

- Pupils should arrive at school at the normal time.
- Break will take place as normal.
- Period 1 and 2 will be as normal.
- Period 3 will end at 12.00pm and then pupils will return to tutor time for 10 minutes to collect phones.
- Pupils will be released at 12.10pm and should go straight home, they should not be waiting or gathering in the local area.
- Pupils can choose to collect a grab and go lunch at 12.10pm.
- The same uniform guidance applies for the whole week - please see previous letter.
- There will be work on Google Classroom for those who would like to access this - we have asked for this to be clearly signposted but will not be new learning for assessment.

## Vulnerable Pupils

- Vulnerable pupils, or those who need supervision, will be provided with a space in school if necessary. Please complete the attached form.  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQxBhDgjcEKAdB0WMtHrxnIAZLnooCHLaZOGUQL1BgpfMi2w/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

## Examinations

- Morning exams for Years 10 and 12 will take place as normal; these will be held in cooler spaces where possible, although the main hall is relatively cool.
- For Year 12, afternoon exams will continue - other pupils can go home from 12.10pm. We will ensure that these take place in cooler spaces due to smaller numbers where we can. However, the Year 12 three-hour English Literature exam will be postponed.
- MFL speaking exams will continue as normal, unless there are exceptional circumstances, and pupils will be able to wait in cooler areas beforehand.
- We will be aware of the conditions for pupils and consider this when allocating marks, but have to accept that conditions may be this hot for the real exams so cannot be too lenient.

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### **Year 12 arrangements – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

- The Year 12 Drop Down Day will take place as planned, but activities will be relocated to cooler spaces. If visitors cancel, this may be further amended. However, this is a well-planned and informative day that would be difficult to reorganise. Year 12 should attend school as normal.

### **Other Activities**

The Library Trip and extra-curricular activities are cancelled for this week.

### **Dance Shows**

These will continue tomorrow and Wednesday evening and pupils are very keen to take part. You can of course choose not to attend as an audience member especially if you have young children. If you have concerns about your child taking part, please do contact Mrs Walker. I have just met with her and I am confident that appropriate risk controls are in place for participants. It will however be very hot for the audience. The show should not last much longer than an hour with a short interval.

All the best

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emma Hillman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Emma Hillman**  
Headteacher