

22nd June 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Re: Ofsted inspection and hot weather adjustments

I am writing to let you know that we received notification today that Ofsted will be inspecting our school tomorrow and Wednesday.

This is an important opportunity for us to showcase all that makes our school such a special place: our wonderful students, dedicated staff and supportive community. A strong inspection outcome benefits everyone. It helps to recognise the hard work taking place across the school every day, strengthens our reputation within the wider community and provides reassurance to current and prospective families about the quality of education and care we provide.

We know that the timing is far from ideal given the current high temperatures. We are keeping the situation under close review and will continue to take a sensible, day-by-day approach. School will be open as normal tomorrow and students should attend at the usual time.

To help manage the heat, we are making a number of reasonable adjustments, including those outlined below:

- Students are permitted to wear their PE kit for the remainder of the week: appropriate black sports shorts, DG black polo shirt and trainers.
- Ensuring students have regular access to drinking water.
- Encouraging students to refill water bottles throughout the day.
- Making use of shaded and cooler areas wherever possible.
- Adjusting activities and routines where appropriate to minimise time in direct sunlight.
- Continuing to monitor student wellbeing closely throughout the day.
- We will have SPF sun protection creams available for students who want to play outside but we recommend that students wear a hat and bring plenty of water.
- Afternoon enrichment clubs will not take place this week.

In addition, after school reflection will only be for students who receive 3 or more behaviour points and will be shortened to 30 minutes in an air-conditioned space. Reflection notifications to parents will not be sent so please monitor class charts.

Lunchtime reflection will be reduced in length to enable students to take time to hydrate and rest.

We would be extremely grateful for your support in encouraging your child to attend school and to be their very best self over the next two days. Our students are our greatest ambassadors, and we know they will demonstrate the many qualities that make us so proud of them.

If you have not already done so, please take a few moments to complete the Ofsted Parent View survey today if possible (see second letter). Your views are an important part of the inspection process and will help inspectors in forming their judgements.

I will provide a further update tomorrow regarding both the inspection and any decisions relating to school arrangements in light of the weather.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a positive and supportive parent community, and we look forward to showing inspectors what makes our school so great.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Thurston', with a decorative flourish at the end.

Emma Thurston
Headteacher