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25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents & Families

**Re: Extended School Closure Due to Extreme Heat – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

I am writing with regards to the current school closure, following an update from the UK Health and Safety Agency. As you will be aware the school is situated within the area of a red weather warning. This has now been extended for London and the south west of England, until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (11:00pm). As such, the school will now **remain closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. The forecast for the weekend and beyond will return to comfortable temperatures, which we will all welcome. School will re-open as normal on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026, for all students and staff**.

When students return to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, they will be required to attend in their St Mark's uniform. Students **will not** need to wear their blazer. Students will only be permitted to wear PE kit on the days where they have timetabled PE lessons.

To ensure that we are supporting students to continue to access their learning, teachers will continue to provide learning online for their classes. Work will be assigned to students via the usual platforms used for homework and online learning. Parents are asked to support their child in accessing and completing the work available to them. Mock exams scheduled to take place for Year 10, and Year 12 will be rescheduled, and parents will be notified of the arrangements shortly.

Once again, we do appreciate the inconvenience that this decision may cause families and have not taken it lightly. However, given the continued conditions and advice from the UK Health Agency this is the most responsible course of action to safeguard both students and staff.

The school email address is continuously monitored throughout this closure, should you have any queries or concerns at this time, please contact [school@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:school@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk) and an appropriate member of the school team will respond accordingly.

[Beat the heat: staying safe in hot weather - GOV.UK](#)

Yours sincerely,

Aimee Gallagher

**Headteacher**

