

Wednesday 24th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the extreme heat today, Portsmouth has now been issued with a red weather warning. I have made the decision to close The Portsmouth Academy immediately and on Thursday 25th June 2026.

Despite our best efforts to keep the school safe and comfortable throughout this morning, these unprecedented temperatures exceed the measures we have in place to keep classrooms and school buildings cool.

We have explored a range of options to manage the conditions on site; however, we are currently unable to maintain a safe and suitable environment for students and staff throughout the school day. The health, safety and wellbeing of everyone within our school community must remain our top priority.

We ask parents and carers to encourage students to stay indoors and in shade throughout the course of this week. For pupils who need to remain on site for the remainder of today, we have identified our canteen as a cool space for students to remain. Water stations are available.

Home learning will be available and accessible through Arbor on Thursday 25th June 2026. We do encourage pupils to work through any home learning, revision, and homework within a cool environment.

For pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, we will ensure that they continue to be supported. This may be provided through supermarket vouchers, food parcels for collection, or other arrangements in line with local provision.

After school clubs

All school-led before and after-school clubs are cancelled this week. Families will be informed directly about any rearrangements where applicable.

Keeping every child safe

If you are concerned about the welfare of your child/children being at home, please contact our pastoral team at pastoral@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk

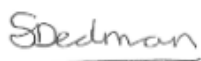
We continue to monitor official guidance, including the UKHSA Weather-Health Alerts and NHS advice on staying safe in hot weather. You can stay up to date using the following links:

UKHSA Weather-Health Alerts: <https://ukhsa-dashboard.data.gov.uk/weather-health-alerts>

NHS guidance- Heatwave: how to cope in hot weather: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/>

We will keep families updated and will notify you promptly should our position change over the week. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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