

The Gilbert School

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JMI/lsc
June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Rise in temperature

Following the amber heat warning this week, with temperatures expected to exceed 30°C (possibly reaching 33°C), we are introducing temporary measures to keep students comfortable and safe while continuing normal school activities.

To support students during this period, we are making the following adjustments:

Monday 22nd – Tuesday 23rd June

- No ties or blazers required (blazers may be left at home).
- Shirts may be worn untucked to improve comfort and ventilation.

Wednesday 24th – Thursday 25th June

- Students may wear full school PE kit, including trainers (shorts, not skorts).
- House socks are not required.

Friday 26th June

- INSET day (no students in school).

Monday 29th June

- Return to school in uniform (ties and blazers still not required).
- We will send separate communications if hot weather continues.

PE lessons will be adapted where necessary to prevent overheating, and some classes may be moved to cooler, air-conditioned or shaded areas, where this is possible.

Large, air-conditioned spaces, including the North and South Halls, will be available at break and lunchtime, alongside shaded outdoor areas.

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To help students stay hydrated, we strongly encourage all students to bring a named water bottle to school each day and to fill it before leaving home. Additional water refill stations have been installed around the school site, and we recommend that students bring a bottle large enough to reduce the need for repeated trips to refill during the day.

We will continue to monitor conditions and make further adjustments if needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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