

22nd June 2026

Important Update: Temporary Changes to the School Day (Tuesday 23rd June – Thursday 25th June)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter a week of exceptionally high temperatures, we are writing to inform you of temporary adjustments to the structure of our school day. With afternoon temperatures predicted to reach 34°C and above, classroom environments will become incredibly challenging. Although we do have some air-conditioned classrooms at Greenbank, not all are. To ensure that teaching and learning remain manageable, productive, and comfortable for our pupils, and in collaboration with other schools in the area, Castle Hill Primary and Castle Hill Infants have jointly decided to introduce a flexible afternoon schedule for the next three days.

Please note: The school is NOT closing. We are exercising our right to restructure the day to better manage the extreme heat, but we remain fully open and operational for all families who need us.


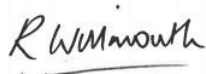
The planned structure for **Tuesday 23rd June to Thursday 25th June** will be as follows:

- **Compulsory Morning Attendance:** Morning school hours remain entirely unchanged, and attendance is compulsory. Children must arrive at their usual morning times. Following the England football match on Tuesday 23rd, children coming on later on Wednesday 24th are expected to be in school by 9:30 am. At Rooksdown please enter via the park gate.
- **Optional Early Pick-Up (1:15pm – 1:25pm):** To avoid the intense afternoon heat, you may collect your child early from their usual doors between 1:15pm and 1:25pm.
- **Standard Full-Day Remaining Open (until 3:15pm):** For parents who wish or need their child to stay for the full day, we remain open until 3:15 pm. Teaching and learning will continue in the afternoon with dynamic adjustments made to keep the children cool.
- **Collection by an adult:** Children will need to be collected by an adult (1:15 pm - 1:25 pm) or remain at school until our standard 3:15 pm dismissal.
- **Year 6 Transition Days:** We are speaking with Year 6 about the transition days on Thursday and Friday and will be in touch again. Any changes to these will be communicated separately.

After-School Provision: Please be assured that wraparound care (ACE Kids) will still run at Rooksdown. Staff at the other paid clubs have already implemented adaptations to ensure these activities are low-energy and held in the shaded or coolest areas of the school.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we adapt to keep our school community safe, focused, and comfortable during this heatwave.

Yours sincerely,





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