

23 June 2026

Dear Parents

A few notes for your consideration.

Hot Weather

Thank you to all the parents who have supported the adaptations to the school uniform today. A reminder it is either the normal school uniform without the requirement for a blazer and tie or the Knole Academy PE kit. Looking at the weather forecast we are extending this provision until Friday. Next week I am expecting a return to the full normal uniform as temperatures drop and rain is forecast.

The Department for Education have sent an email to all schools today stating that even in severe weather, settings (schools) should stay open. I know there will be local schools that will close, one local secondary in West Kent currently has windows that cannot be opened due to a building issue, however we shall remain open this week with the adaptations to uniform that we have specified and other control measures such as access to the many air conditioned rooms on the site.

Vaccinations

We have meningitis vaccinations for Year 9 students on Monday 29 June. The guidance from the NHS is for students to have a bottle of water and a snack such as biscuit after the injection and students should have these with them.

Phone cases

Students will be issued their phone pouches on Monday for first use on Tuesday if they are in Year 7-9. We appreciate your support in this matter. I know for some it will come as a shock, but the world will continue to turn if they do not have access.

The Big Future

The Children's School Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza has asked schools to advertise a survey aimed at establishing their experiences, views and aspirations that will help shape future policy and decision-making. The survey can be found here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Trust INSET day

A reminder the school is closed on Monday 6 July for a Trust INSET day.

Best wishes



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