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Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Red Extreme Heat Warning

Following the issuing of a Red Extreme Heat Warning for South Wales for Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June, in consultation with the Chair of Governors and in liaison with schools across Newport, I have made the decision to close site on Wednesday and Thursday on Health and Safety Grounds.

Having undertaken a risk assessment on current temperatures (which averaged between 26 and 30 degrees in classrooms yesterday) and having put in place control measures to mitigate risk already, with temperatures set to rise an additional 5 degrees tomorrow, we feel strongly that it would be putting all members of our school community at an unnecessary risk to open the school.

I will speak with children today to inform them of this decision. Children will be set appropriate work to undertake on google classroom over the two day period and I will encourage them to undertake this work at times when they are most comfortable; when temperatures are a little lower. I will of course continue to remind our children of the importance of staying safe and playing safe in such high temperatures; to keep hydrated and in the shade.

Parents of children who would like free school meals are able to pick up packed lunches from school should they require them. Please notify us by 3pm today should you require this.

School will go ahead as planned on Friday as temperatures are returning to what would be considered more normal for this time of year. We will therefore look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school in full summer / PE uniform Friday 26th June.

Thank you in advance of your understanding with this extraordinary situation. These decisions are never easy but are made in the interests of safety of all.

Dean Taylor
Headteacher

