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Dear Parents/Carers

Re- Urgent message from the Headteacher: 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 liaising with other Secondary Schools across Caerphilly, we 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 measure to mitigate risk already, with temperatures already set to rise an additional 5 degrees tomorrow, we feel that opening the site to pupils would be putting all members of our school community at an unnecessary risk.

We will meet with our pupils later today to inform them of this decision. Pupils will be set appropriate work to undertake on google classroom over the two-day period and we would encourage them to undertake this work at times when they are most comfortable and perhaps when temperatures are a little lower. We will of course continue to remind them of the importance of staying safe in such high temperatures, of keeping hydrated and in the shade.

As temperatures are forecast to return to what would be considered normal for the time of year after Thursday, we anticipate being open for all pupils as normal on Friday 26th June 2026.

Thank you in advance for your understanding in this extraordinary situation.

Mr. J.N.Hicks
Headteacher