

**BLACKWOOD COMPREHENSIVE  
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Dear Parent and Carer

**Re: Red Weather Warning**

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

Following the issuing of a Red Extreme Heat Warning for Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June, in consultation with our Chair of Governors and in liaison with other Secondary Schools across Caerphilly, I have made the decision to close the school to staff and pupils on Wednesday and Thursday, on Health and Safety Grounds.

Having undertaken a risk assessment on temperatures achieved in our classrooms and having implemented control measures to try to mitigate the risk, with temperatures set to rise again tomorrow, I do not believe they will be sufficient to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our school community. Whilst I recognise the disruption that this may cause, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff must remain our priority.

I will email pupils to let them know about my decision for Wednesday and Thursday and remind them of the importance of staying safe in such high temperatures, for example to keep hydrated and in the shade. Additionally, I will remind them about the importance of staying safe if they venture near water and only swimming in designated areas where appropriate supervision and safety measures are in place. I will also remind them that even though school is closed, learning will continue for them with work posted in their Google Classroom, according to their timetable.

We appreciate your understanding and support during this time. While we aim to reopen to staff and pupils on Friday 26th June, we will continue to monitor the weather closely and update you if that decision changes.

Stay safe in this unusual weather, and once again I'm sorry for the inconvenience this may cause.

Kind regards

Jane Wilkie

Headteacher/Pennaeth



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