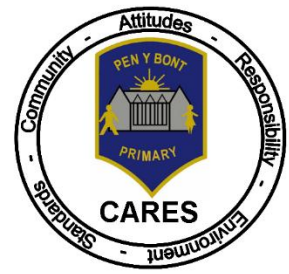


# PENYBONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that Penybont Primary School will be closed on Wednesday 24th July and Thursday 25th July.

This difficult decision has been made due to the current Red Weather Warning and the extreme temperatures we are currently facing inside the school building. Over the past few days, our staff have worked tirelessly to implement all possible mitigating measures to keep our environment cool and comfortable. However, despite these extensive efforts, the forecasted heat means we can no longer guarantee a safe environment. We feel that pupils would be at a significant health risk by attending school, and their safety must always come first.

## Understanding the Risks: Welsh Government Guidance

To give you full transparency regarding this decision, we have closely reviewed the official Welsh Government guidance on extreme hot weather. The guidance highlights several factors that have heavily influenced our choice to close:

- **Vulnerable Groups:**  
Children's susceptibility to high temperatures varies. The Welsh Government notes that certain groups are at a much higher risk of adverse health effects during extreme heat, including:
  - Children aged under 4
  - Children with disabilities or complex health needs
  - Those who are taking medication
  - Those who are overweight
- **Limitations of Safety Measures:**  
While we have done everything possible to safely manage the heat; such as restricting outdoor time, maximising shade, constantly refilling water bottles, adapting ventilation, purchasing additional fans, and turning off heat generating electrical equipment (computers, monitors, and lighting) the intensity of this specific weather event, combined with our premises make up, surpasses what these building level mitigations can control.

## What work will the school provide for my child during school closure?

To ensure that learning continues during this temporary closure, work will be provided for all pupils via their Seesaw accounts for each day we are closed. Activities will be uploaded by staff tomorrow morning. If you are unsure of your child's login details or need any assistance accessing the platform, please message your child's class teacher directly through the 'Reach More Parents / Weduc' app.

## What About Year 6 Transition Day to Brynteg?

Please note that Brynteg Comprehensive School will also be closed due to the extreme weather. Consequently, the Transition Day scheduled for this Thursday will no longer go ahead. We have received a letter regarding this from Brynteg and this will be sent to parents and carers later today.

Any information we receive from Brynteg Comprehensive School will also be communicated to you as and when we receive it.

## What Happens Next?

We completely understand that short notice school closures cause disruption for families, and we truly apologise for the inconvenience this may cause. However, we cannot compromise on the physical wellbeing of our pupils and staff.

We anticipate reopening as normal on Friday 26th July, pending a drop in temperatures and a review of the school building's safety.

We will keep you regularly updated via our school app and website.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and cooperation as we navigate these unprecedented weather conditions. Please take care, stay hydrated, and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Owen  
Headteacher  
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