



## Castle Park Primary School

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Headteacher - Mrs. H Wadsworth

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an urgent change to school opening hours due to the current extreme weather conditions. Following a robust risk assessment specifically considering the forecast extreme temperatures, **we have made the difficult decision to close the school at 12:00 pm tomorrow, Wednesday, and for the full day on Thursday.** This impacts all pupils, including those in Apple Tree Class (SRB).

Our priority is always the safety and well-being of our pupils and staff. We have been closely monitoring the temperatures in our classrooms today and they have consistently sat 4 degrees above the outside temperatures. With forecast temperatures tomorrow reaching the mid-30s, our risk assessment indicates that it is not safe for pupils to attend for the full day, particularly as younger children are more vulnerable to heat-related illness. This decision aligns with guidance from the Welsh Government and Public Health Wales to adapt or cancel activities where heat risks cannot be adequately mitigated.

I am mindful that some parents will have younger children, older relatives or other reasons why collecting their child at midday may not be suitable. We recognise that some parents may prefer to assess the risks themselves and choose to keep their children at home for the entire day tomorrow. **If you decide to do this, please contact the school office by the end of today so we can update our registers.**

For Wednesday morning, please ensure your children arrive in **loose, light-coloured clothing**. We will continue to maximise shade and ventilation while ensuring all pupils remain well hydrated.

**Breakfast club will be open as usual on Wednesday and we will serve an earlier lunch from 11.15 – 12.**

**Sports day is cancelled on Friday.** Our back up date is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Currently rain is forecast for the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will make a decision early next week about the 3<sup>rd</sup> based on the forecast closer to the time.

We apologise for the short notice and any inconvenience this may cause, but we must prioritise a "high degree of caution" during this extreme weather warning. We anticipate the school will reopen as normal on Friday, but we will keep you updated should the situation change.

Yours sincerely,

*H. Wadsworth*

Mrs. Harriet Wadsworth