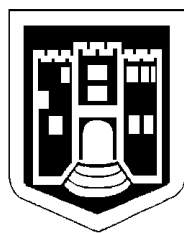


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22nd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately, it is necessary for me to inform you that we will need to close the school early ahead of the end of the Autumn term.

Powys County Council have stipulated that there is an urgent need to undertake major boiler infrastructure repairs that are required in order to ensure that the school heating system can be maintained, and to guarantee that we are able to return, as scheduled, in January.

We understand that this news has an effect on learners and families, and wanted to provide as much notice as we possibly can. We are aware that the last week of term at Welshpool High School is often filled with fun, enrichment activities, and even reward trips, and we will endeavour to move these experiences forward so that learners do not miss out.

As always, our priority remains childrens' learning, and we are determined that this continues despite the need to close the school for the week commencing, Monday, 18th December.

Learning will be available via Google Classroom throughout the last four days of term, and will take the following format:

Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th & Wednesday, 20th December: There will be detailed learning for all lessons that learners would normally study, available on Google Classroom.

Thursday, 21st December: There will be a series of 'well-being learning activities' that students are able to engage with, available on Google Classroom.

Whilst members of staff will not be present in the building, they have been asked to make sure that work that is set on Google Classroom is both challenging and appropriate. Staff will also be required to focus on planning ahead for January 2024, and beyond, when they are working from home.

We are aware that there may be students without the capacity to access Google Classroom from home and we can facilitate a small number of students in an area of school that has access to computers/laptops.

It is important to be aware that there are limited toilet facilities in this area of the school and that there is no facility on these days for meals to be provided.

If you feel it is necessary for your child to access Google Classroom from school during this week, we request that you contact the relevant Head of Year by email: office@welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk, by Friday, 8th December 2023.

School buses will not run during week commencing 18th December 2023, but will return to normal service for the start of the Spring term on 9th January 2024.

We are endeavouring to speak with Powys County Council's Catering Service to discuss how students can access Free School Meals during this time and will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

For these four days, Monday, 18th December to Thursday, 21st December, the school Reception will not be manned, because of the work that is going on. We request that any information that is needed to be passed on is emailed to: office@welshpool-hs.powys.sch.uk. There will be members of staff looking at this email address, in order to contact relevant members of staff to help with any enquiries.

I would like to thank you in anticipation of your support regarding this decision, so that we can ensure that learning can return to normal on 9th January 2024.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J. Arnold
Headteacher.

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