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Dear parents/carers,

Following an assessment, I write to provide a further update about the school site.

Today, colleagues from Bridgend County Borough Council have visited our school site to assess the storm damage, carry out the relevant checks and begin a schedule of maintenance works. Due to the nature and the scope of the work required, this work will continue into Tuesday 10th December.

On Monday 9th December the following site work has been completed:

- Scaffolding has been put up at the back of G Block;
- Temporary fencing/cordons have been installed in areas of the school site to restrict access. This has been added near the Sports Hall and at the back of G Block;
- The roof damage on G Block has been assessed and some temporary work has been completed;
- There has been safety maintenance work completed on the Sports Hall roof;
- Large sections of roof felt / debris have been removed from our upper school site;
- Internal ceiling tiles which had fallen have been secured; and
- A general site clean-up has been completed.

However, due to the scale of this work, roof work on G Block will continue on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th. To ensure this work can be completed, further scaffolding will be added tomorrow morning, and once done, roof repairs will be completed.

As a result, we will continue with a partial opening of Porthcawl Comprehensive School on Tuesday 10th December 2024. The school will be open **ONLY for pupils in Year 10, Year 11 (Key Stage 4) and Year 12 and Year 13 (Sixth Form).** Pupils will follow their normal timetable of lessons, however there will be room changes for identified subjects.

Pupils in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 (Key Stage 3) will not attend school on Tuesday 10th December. As we did on Monday, work will be posted on your child's ClassCharts account as 'homework'. Some subjects may also publish tasks on another digital platform used by their subject teachers such as Google Classroom.

As stated on my last letter, I have a statutory duty to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the pupils, staff and visitors. Reducing the number of pupils on our school site allows for examination classes (Yr10, Yr11, Yr12 and Yr13) to be re-roomed as required. It reduces pupil movement and it also enables parts of the school site to be kept free so that the required maintenance work and clean up can take place.

On Tuesday 10th December, I foresee a lot of work being completed, and I will assess the site again on Tuesday afternoon. I will update about our arrangements for Wednesday 11th December in due course.

Important Information for Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 pupils attending school on Tuesday 10th December.

- The entrance at the top of the school site by Severn Road will continue to be locked. This area of the school continues to be cordoned off whilst roof work continues on G Block.
- Scaffolding has now been put up at the back of G Block. Therefore, all pupils must enter school through the main entrance/gate.
- There are additional barriers and cordons by the Sports Hall.
- Room changes for identified classrooms will continue. At the start of the school day, pupils will be informed of any room changes by their form tutor.
- There will continue to be a controlled movement around the school site. E.g. internal movement from D block to G block.
- Areas of the school site will be cordoned off. E.g. the surrounding areas of G Block and the Geography bungalow (D11-D14).

I apologise in advance for the continued disruption and I thank you for your full support and cooperation as we move forward.

I am very hopeful that we will return to full operations on Wednesday 11th December.

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,

M. Stephens

Headteacher/Pennaeth