



17th February 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I am sure you will have seen that Wales is facing a period of severe weather with the arrival of a significant storm in the coming 24 hours. Storm Eunice looks set to cause major disruption across south Wales. There is a Met Office 'Red' weather warning in place for tomorrow morning, these are extremely rare and are issued to warn of:

- Flying debris resulting in danger to life
- Damage to buildings and homes, with roofs blown off and power lines brought down
- Uprooted trees are likely
- Roads, bridges and railway lines closed, with delays and cancellations to bus, train, ferry services and flights
- Power cuts affecting other services, such as mobile phone coverage
- Large waves and beach material being thrown onto coastal roads, sea fronts and homes, including flooding of some coastal properties

In light of this and with the safety of pupils and staff foremost in our minds I have, this afternoon, written to all schools to advise them that as a precaution they should move to remote learning for Friday 18th February. I realise that this may present some challenges, however, I believe that this is the right advice in light of the potential risks whilst travelling to school and once in attendance. We do not want anyone to put themselves at risk.

I am sorry that the half terms ends on this note of disruption and I hope that you have an enjoyable half term. Thank you for your support of our schools over this past period,

Yours faithfully,

Will McLean
Chief Officer Children & Young People Monmouthshire