



Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that we had to evacuate the building on the secondary site yesterday afternoon shortly before the end of the school day. The fire alarm sounded and all students and staff responded swiftly and calmly, following correct fire procedures. The fire brigade attended and investigated the alarm. Unfortunately it was not deemed safe to use the building by the fire officers as the alarm was still sounding so we were not permitted re-entry before the end of the school day. At this point we accessed the leisure centre sports hall for a short time as the weather was so inclement. The safety of our young people is always paramount and we had no choice but to follow the guidance of the fire officers, despite the unpleasant weather. We were disappointed to note that some parents took to social media to make comments about the incident and we would ask parents that if they have a concern they approach the school first to understand the reasons behind our decisions. We will never place the health and safety of our students and staff at risk and will always follow advice of the professional services who attend these call outs.

I am pleased to report that the alarm and building has since been confirmed safe for use. I would like to thank all students for their mature and calm response to this alarm.

Yours faithfully

Nerys Davies
Phase Director Secondary

