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Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for education: Year 6 at Heathland School

We understand how disappointing and disruptive the news of Heathland School's closure will be for our school community. However, we have worked closely with the local authority and local schools to ensure that disruption to children's learning is kept to an absolute minimum.

We are pleased to confirm that the Year 6 portable classrooms were not damaged, so our Year 6 pupils can continue their education in their normal classrooms. Children will have access to the playground and outdoor areas, but they will not have access to the main building upon their return to school.

Pupils will remain with their usual classmates and will be taught by their normal class teacher and supported by familiar support staff. We will have a first aider on site and SLT and the Inclusion Team will be available to support throughout the school day. We are confident that this continuity will help children settle quickly into their temporary new school day routines.

These arrangements will commence on **Monday 29th June.** Children should continue to wear their Heathland School uniform each day as normal.

Heathland School: travelling and car parking arrangements

Please enter through the Heathland car park gate as usual and staff will be on hand to guide the children to their classrooms. Children who walk to school on their own may continue to do so.

School hours

Children should arrive at **the usual time of 8:35am** via our back gate. Children should be collected at **the usual time of 3:15pm**. Children who have permission to walk home alone may continue to do so.

We recognise that some families may have children attending different sites and that this may present additional challenges with drop-off and collection arrangements. We want to reassure you that there will be flexibility with start and finish times where necessary, and we will work with families to support these arrangements wherever possible. Please make your way to site as soon as possible.

On Fridays, children must be collected at 12pm. We have a statutory requirement to provide teachers with planning time and our usual arrangements for cover are not possible whilst we operate over multiple sites. We appreciate your support in ensuring our staff have time to make sure that the educational provision for your children is ready for the following week. Children who have permission to walk home alone may walk home at this time.

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Secondary School Transition Days

During the coming weeks, Year 6 pupils will have their scheduled transition days at their new secondary schools. Children should attend their secondary school on the prearranged day.

Lunch Arrangements

We are working on lunch arrangements with neighbouring schools. We will send a separate message regarding lunches later today. Please can children bring a healthy snack to school (please no nuts).

Welfare Arrangements

We are committed to ensuring that students attending alternative education provision are well supported in terms of their welfare throughout their time on site. A member of our own staff, who is trained in first aid, will be present and available to support students within the Year 6 buildings. Accurate records will be maintained as per our usual arrangements. Students' wellbeing is monitored closely, and we maintain regular communication with all staff to share relevant information and respond promptly to any concerns.

Safeguarding Arrangements

We take safeguarding very seriously when students attend alternative education provision. All partner sites are carefully vetted to ensure they meet statutory safeguarding requirements, including robust policies for child protection, safer recruitment, and health and safety. Our staff will continue to respond to all safeguarding concerns related to our children and we will ensure that all children are safe on their site. We will maintain regular communication with all staff, monitor attendance and wellbeing closely, and carry out visits to ensure the ongoing quality and safety of the provision.

Support and wellbeing

We know this will be stressful for many families. If you need wellbeing or pastoral support, please contact us and we will do our best to help. Please bear with us as our office team are working tirelessly to ensure parents receive responses as promptly as possible in a complex situation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, office@heathlandschool.net

We appreciate that this is an exceptionally challenging situation for our pupils, families and staff. We would like to thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support.

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Yours sincerely,

Miss F R Hopkins
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