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Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for education: Roxbourne School in Harrow

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 we have secured temporary classroom accommodation at **Roxbourne School** for your child, enabling all our pupils to continue their education. We would like to extend our gratitude to all the staff at Roxbourne so far, who have gone above and beyond to make this transition as smooth as possible.

To ensure all children continue to receive the support they need during this period of relocation, we have established a dedicated SEND provision at Roxbourne. This provision has been carefully designed to mirror the high level of support children receive in school, ensuring that the requirements outlined in Section F of their EHCPs can continue to be met. The Roxbourne SEND provision is a large, spacious classroom with its own private outdoor area and toilets, providing a calm and secure environment. It will be led by two experienced members of staff, Mrs East (Phase Leader) and Mrs Cayless (SENCo), supported by HLTAs and familiar support staff who know the children well. Children placed in this provision have been selected because they will benefit from the additional structure, consistency and specialist support available, including Speech and Language provision, social and emotional interventions, as well as their usual Elder Room timetable. This arrangement will ensure continuity of care and learning during this challenging time.

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

Roxbourne School: travelling and car parking arrangements

Heathland children will be using the back entrance to Roxbourne School on Waverly Road. Parents can park on the surrounding roads, but please note you must not park in the alleyway and there is no entrance into the school car park. There are some parking restrictions on Waverly Road so please be aware of these when you park. The school is accessible via the 398, H9, H10 and H12 bus routes if you are travelling via public transport.

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This is a photograph of the alleyway into the back gate for drop off and collection. Please do not park in the alleyway.

School hours

We have planned with Roxbourne to work around their drop off and pick up times to manage the safe entry and exit of the school. They have requested that our children arrive at **8:55am** and are collected at **3:00pm** to allow their own children to enter and exit the site before ours.

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 are 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.

Lunch Arrangements

We are working on lunch arrangements with Roxbourne School. We will send a separate message regarding lunches later today. Please can children bring a healthy snack as we need to explore fruit arrangements with the supplier (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, including accompanying

any child who needs to access the welfare room. We ensure that all visits to the welfare room are supervised appropriately and that accurate records are maintained. Students' wellbeing is monitored closely, and we maintain regular communication with staff at the provision 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 work in partnership with the host school to ensure children are safe on their site. We maintain regular communication with the provider, monitor attendance and wellbeing closely, and carry out visits to ensure the 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.

Yours sincerely,

Miss F R Hopkins
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