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22nd June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Heathland School to remain closed

I am writing with an important and urgent update about Heathland School. Following our previous communication regarding the flooding on site, I am writing to confirm that **the school will remain closed for the rest of this week**.

This has not been an easy decision, and I am deeply saddened at the damage to our school building and the disruption this has caused for our whole school community. We are still working with external agencies to fully assess the extent of the damage, and it is taking time to establish when all areas of the building can be safely used again.

What has happened and our immediate decision:

- A serious flood has caused extensive damage to the school site. Following safety checks, the building is currently unsafe.
- As a result, the school will be closed for the remainder of this week: Tuesday 23rd June to Friday 26 June 2026 inclusive. Do not bring your child to school during these days and do not attempt to access the school site for any reason.
- All off–site activities planned for this week are cancelled.
- We are working with Harrow Local Authority to establish possible options for critical worker childcare however at this stage we cannot give further detail.

Online Learning Arrangements from Tomorrow

During this period, we will be putting temporary learning arrangements in place to ensure that pupils can continue their education.

- From tomorrow (Tuesday 23rd June 2026) we will provide online learning so pupils can continue with lessons. Every year group will have a timetable with links to access the online learning. A separate email will be sent to all parents by 8.30 am tomorrow morning that will share details of the remote learning arrangements.

- We are mindful that home access to devices and the internet will vary, so we are keeping this as flexible as possible.
- If you have trouble accessing online lessons, then please contact the school so we can support you. Email: office@heathlandschool.net.

Safeguarding

- If you have immediate safeguarding concerns about a pupil, contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead via email: safeguarding@heathlandschool.net

Free school meals (FSM) / vulnerable pupils

- We will be contacting families who are eligible for benefit related free school meals and you require support during the closure, and if we have not contacted you then please contact the school office.

Communication and Next Update

- We understand how worrying and disruptive this is. We are working with contractors and the local authority to assess the damage and to make the site safe as quickly as possible however we cannot give any more information at this point.
- We ask that you send all queries and requests to the school office email. We are working to get our phone lines set up remotely, and as soon as this is possible, we will be accepting calls.
- We will update you as soon as we can, at the latest, by Thursday 25 June 2026 at 3:00pm with plans for the following week (beginning Monday 29 June). Please check your email and phone for that update.

Practical Points for Parents

- Do not come onto the school site while it remains closed.
- Check your spam/junk folder if you do not receive messages and ensure the school has your current contact details.
- If you need to speak to the school urgently email the office:

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.

Heathland Whitefriars Federation

Thank you for your patience and understanding. The safety of our pupils and staff is our absolute priority, and we will keep you informed as the situation develops.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Hopkins
Headteacher
Heathland School