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Dear Parents and Carers,

Letter from the Board

We are writing on behalf of the Board of Trust Directors to acknowledge the devastation and disruption caused by the severe flooding at Heathland School on 21 June, and to express our heartfelt support for every pupil, family and member of staff affected.

We are immensely proud of the calm, decisive and compassionate leadership shown by our headteacher, Fiona Hopkins, the wider senior leadership team, site and finance team. From the moment the damage was discovered they acted swiftly to secure the site, put safety first and coordinate with local partners. Their rapid organisation has already enabled a clear recovery plan and interim arrangements to keep pupil's safe and learning.

Thanks to their prompt action and effective collaboration with neighbouring schools, from Monday 29 June, pupils in Reception to Year 6 will continue their education in local partner schools, taught by Heathland class teachers and supported by our welfare, inclusion and senior teams. These arrangements have been put in place quickly to minimise disruption and to provide continuity of learning and wellbeing during this difficult period.

The Board is committed to ensuring that the recovery process is managed with urgency, transparency and care. We will do everything within our power to make the repair and reinstatement process as efficient as possible, working closely with the headteacher, staff, local authorities and contractors to agree safe timelines for the return to site. Current estimates indicate significant repairs will be required.

Please be assured that the welfare, progress and safeguarding of every pupil remain our absolute priorities. The Board is extremely grateful to the headteacher and senior staff for their leadership, to partner schools for their prompt support, and to our school community for your patience and understanding.

With thanks and solidarity,

On behalf of the Board of Trust Directors
Heathland Whitefriars Trust

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