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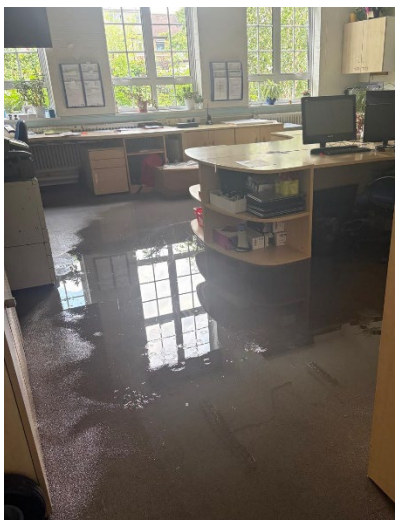
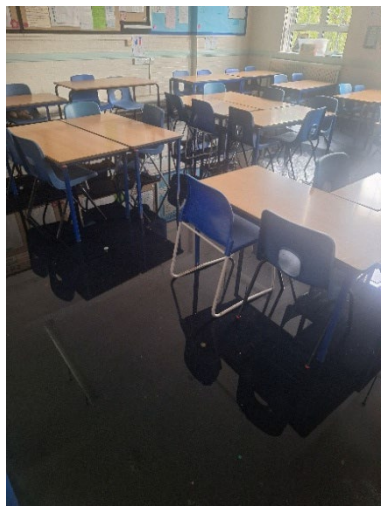
25th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with a very heavy heart to update you about the flooding discovered inside our school on Sunday 21st June.





When we first saw the extent of the damage it was immediately clear the building was unsafe. We had to act fast to protect our pupils and staff, and we made the difficult decision to close the site and move to online learning the next day.

Unfortunately, surveys have confirmed that the damage is serious and extensive, 70% of the school site is currently unsafe and unusable. The damage is severe and most classrooms and resources have been irreparably harmed. The specialist repair work required is extensive, and current estimates suggest these works are unlikely to be completed before January 2027. This news pains us all deeply — we are devastated that our familiar school environment has been so badly affected.

Despite this setback, our absolute priority has been, and will continue to be, the education and wellbeing of every pupil. I am immensely proud of how quickly colleagues and our wider community rallied to make sure learning can continue without interruption.

**Education for pupils until the end of term**

In a matter of days, and thanks to the generosity and support of neighbouring Harrow heads and schools, we have put in place an interim plan so that every child from Reception to Year 6 will be taught in a local partner school from Monday 29th June. Most importantly, your child's learning will be delivered by their own class teacher, supported on site by our welfare, inclusion and senior leadership teams, who will continue to monitor progress and care for pupils throughout this period.

We do understand that it is not ideal to travel to another school site however we have done our best to keep pupils within the closest possible schools with spaces. We have risk assessed the spaces made available and tried to match each year group with the most suitable classroom spaces.

There will of course be complications and logistical arrangements to work through for many families however we will do our best to be flexible and support you with these.
Please see the table below for the location of each year group from Monday 29th June:

| Year Group | Temporary School Site |
|---|---|
| Nursery | TBC |
| Reception | Welldon Park Primary School |
| Year 1 | Grange Primary School |
| Year 2 | Roxbourne Primary School |
| Year 3 | Rooks Heath School |
| Year 4 | Rooks Heath School |
| Year 5 | Rooks Heath School |
| Year 6 | Heathland School |

A further email will be sent to each individual year group to provide all necessary details relevant to the temporary school arrangements which will include *locations, timings of the day, safeguarding, lunch arrangements, etc*.

*Children with an EHCP will be contacted separately to confirm their provision.

**Breakfast Club and After School Wrap Around Care**
From Monday 29th June Complete Sports will continue to offer wraparound provision after school for those pupils who are able to attend. They will be in touch with parents to confirm this. Heathland School will continue to offer breakfast club for those pupils who are on site or at Rooks Heath School. If you need breakfast or after school care and your child is on another site then we would ask that you let us know as soon as possible and we will liaise with the schools to see what is available.

We recognise how unsettling this will be for families and for our pupils who love their school. We are committed to doing everything we can to make this time as stable as possible. Our staff are working tirelessly — often around the clock — to provide continuity, reassurance and practical support for all families affected.

**Looking Ahead – September Onwards**
Looking ahead to September, we are planning for pupils to return to Heathland School. To achieve this, we will need temporary classrooms and significant alterations to the outdoor areas while repairs continue inside the building which will remain inaccessible. Some elements will depend on ongoing assessments, surveys and the start of the repair works, and we will be open and honest with you about timings as soon as we have firm information.

I cannot overstate how thankful I am — to my leadership, site and finance teams for their swift action, to partner schools for their immediate generosity, and to the whole Heathland community for the patience, kindness and resilience you have already shown. We will continue to keep you fully informed as plans progress and more details are confirmed.

Thank you for your understanding and support in these very difficult days. Our priority remains to keep every pupil safe, learning and feeling supported.

Yours sincerely,

Miss F R Hopkins
**Headteacher**
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