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Dear Parents and Carers,

Heathland School Update

I am writing to update you at the end of a long but positive week to thank you for the kindness, support and perseverance you have shown our whole school community.

First and foremost, we want to reassure you that the safety and well-being of our pupils and staff remain our highest priority. I know this is a difficult time for many families; your calm, constructive messages and continued determination to get your children into school with their teachers have made a real difference.

I have had many conversations with parents about the situation moving forward so summarised below is some of the information we currently have:

What we know now:

- Our main school building will remain closed until at least January 2027 while full restoration and repair works are completed.
- **Our current plan is to build a temporary school on the Heathland site (Astro pitch/grass/playground) and the aim is that the temporary building will be ready for the start of the autumn term in September 2026 and <u>all pupils will be educated in this building from September</u>**
- Work has already begun on the planning and initial groundwork and for those of you that come onto site you will see this in progress.
- At this stage we cannot give guarantees about exact dates because work depends on survey findings, contractors, planning and insurance

We have worked incredibly quickly to source a temporary building large enough to accommodate all classes and staff, so that all our pupils can continue their usual education at Heathland School from September. The building is a temporary but fully functioning school with electricity, heating and Wi-Fi and whiteboard technology so that we can deliver all our usual curriculum and learning activities.

We have also tried to ensure that pupils will have access to outdoor play space and currently we will still be able to use most of the remaining outdoor space.

We will continue to provide updates on the progress of the building throughout the summer holiday so that you are as up to date as possible with all site developments. Please follow us on Instagram (@heathlandschoolharrow) for summer updates as our office emails will not be used as regularly over the break.

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The compassion and practical support shown by so many parents — from offers of help to thoughtful messages and steady attendance at the alternative provisions — has been humbling. You have helped keep learning and normality for our pupils during an incredibly unsettling time. I am very proud of our Heathland school community.

Last week we met with the DfE who were incredibly impressed with the speed that we had worked to ensure our pupils were safe and learning, both immediately when the flood occurred and with our plan for September.

We will keep working with the insurers, contractors and health & safety specialists to move this recovery forward as quickly and as safely as possible. I will write to you again with the next update as soon as we have any significant news.

Kind Regards,

Miss F R Hopkins
Headteacher