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Dear Parents/Carers,

IMPORTANT: Remedial Works at Heathlands – Summer 2026

I am writing to inform you of some significant remedial building work that will be taking place at Heathlands, starting during the summer holidays and finishing at the October half term 2026.

Approximately 8 months ago, a fault on the school boiler led to a leak in the school's underfloor heating system. This resulted in a large patch of water that is contained, underground, directly underneath the upper school corridor. Whilst this poses no danger to anyone at present, the possibility of the water rising up the walls in the form of damp could pose a future danger to children and adults. Therefore, we need to take remedial action to remove the water from underneath the ground.

Firstly, I want stress the point that there is no danger at present. We have had this area inspected several times by specialist contractors. The action we are taking is to prevent any future potential danger should the damp move up through the walls and become exposed to those present in school. Unfortunately, this work does have to take place.

This is a significant project and will involve the sealing off from any persons, the entire Upper School corridor (the section of corridor that runs inside, alongside classes 3-6). The ground will need to be drilled; the area underground will need to be fully sanitised; and drying machines will need to be installed along the corridor. Whilst all of the drilling and sanitising work will take place during the summer holidays, the drying will take a lot longer and electric dryers will need to run 24 hours a day. Therefore, the drying machines will need to be running whilst school is in operation and this could take all the way up to the October half term.

To mitigate the impact on pupils we have taken some sizeable measures to avoid shutting the school whilst this work is taking place. Firstly, the area where the remedial work is taking place will be fully restricted with the use of stud walling and sound proofing in order to nullify the sound of the drying machines. Classrooms 3-6 will still be used on a daily basis. However, the rooms will be sealed off from the school corridor with sound proofing being installed along the internal wall of each classroom that is adjacent to the corridor. A covered walkway will be installed on the



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outside of classrooms 3-6 to enable children from these classes to walk, sheltered, alongside the outside of the classrooms and back into school using the playground door when they need to. A temporary toilet block will be placed on the playground for the use of classes 3-6. A temporary additional classroom space will also be added to the playground for any group or individual activities that might've usually taken place in the upper school corridor.

Whilst we fully understand there may be concerns regarding the impact of this building work on pupil learning and their school experience, I hope you can see the significant measures we are taking to keep school going in the face of works that we have no choice but to move ahead with. Towards the end of August and early September we will be fully focused on ensuring the classroom areas and additional spaces are fully functional and, most of all, safe for our pupils in order that the impact on learning is as minimal as it can be as we start the new term. I will be writing to you again at this point to ensure you are fully updated before a return to school for all pupils on Thursday 3rd September. In the meantime, if you require any further information or have any questions at all, I will be happy to speak with you in person, email or phone. Please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S K Walker

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