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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you to give you an update on the situation at Greenacres.

I understand that there have been rumours circulating about the lease on the Greenacres site. I can assure you that the lease is far from being up for renewal and that it will continue to run on a long-term basis. As explained at the meeting, we are not yet in a position to confirm any medium and long term plans, but can assure you that these are currently being reviewed at the highest level.

Some parents have asked if they can see pictures of the plans for Greenacres. I'm afraid we cannot share drawings of the plans just now, as this scheme has not yet been approved by the Department for Education or by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to put the modular units on the Greenacres site, as there is not enough room for another whole school to be put on the playing fields. Access to the units would also be an issue. Furthermore, building works will be ongoing at Greenacres and these are likely to be extensive and intrusive, making the site very difficult to use.

Parents will be able to visit the proposed Amington site in due course, but we cannot give a timeframe for this, as we do not yet have approval for our plans. Once we do have approval, we will also be able to give parents details about those crucial details such as entrances and timings. We will, of course, keep parents updated on this matter.

To ensure that our Greenacres pupils are kept separate from Amington students, the modular buildings will be sited away from the secondary school buildings, with their own perimeter fence. They will be largely enclosed by the buildings, making them secure and private. We will only use the secondary school buildings for specific sessions during the school day and for access to specific facilities, like we do now with the swimming pool at QEMS. Otherwise, we will not be using the Amington buildings.

We are working hard to get our plans approved and finalised and are confident that we will be able to everything in place by 29th August. Obviously, we will keep parents and carers fully informed.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and patience. We do understand that this situation is unsettling for families, and we realise that this has caused disruption for the children at Greenacres. We can assure you that we will keep you updated on all our plans over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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