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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you have had a pleasant summer break and are ready for the new term. We are very much looking forward to the start of the term next week and it will be lovely to see all the children again.

I am writing to you today to clarify some of the logistics for next week.

Reception and Years 1 and 2 will be based on the Greenacres site in the modular buildings and we will temporarily house Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at Landau Forte Amington.

We are very aware that space at Amington is limited and so we have identified areas of the building where the Greenacres children will be completely separate from Amington students. They will have their own doors, toilet facilities and lunch provision, but will be within the Amington school building. We also have a separate gate on the Amington site for pick up and drop off.

In terms of timings, the gates on both sites will open at 8.40 and registration will be at 9.00am. Years 1 and 2 will be dropped off at the gate they used in July, and collected from the playground, as they did in July. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will use the gate on the walk way that can be accessed from Harebell, Highfield Avenue and Woodland Road. If you need any help to find this gate, please let us know. Staff will be visible on Thursday to assist.

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 they can be collected from the Greenacres site at 3.20pm. Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 day ends at 3.30pm and they can be collected from the Amington site. We hope this will allow parents time to travel between the two sites. If parents are delayed getting to Amington the children will be supervised until they are collected.

A walking bus will be available for parents who have difficulty getting between the two sites due to work commitments. The walking bus will leave Greenacres promptly at 8.45am and we anticipate it returning at 3.40pm. If you require the walking bus, please email the office by 3.30pm on Tuesday 27th August.

The Hive will continue to operate from Greenacres and this will open at 7.30am and close at 6.00pm. The Hive children in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 will use the walking bus.

In the meantime, important safety works will continue on the main Greenacres building. Drainage works, asbestos works and surveys are now complete and we are currently completing further securing and remedial works.

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We anticipate that we will be able to re-open parts of our Greenacres building in stages over the next few weeks. Once we have the final approval to open areas, we will let you know and we will be able to bring the children back on site and into the building. Do please be rest assured that this will only happen once we have had confirmation that it is safe to do so.

We will be in touch with you after the Bank Holiday weekend next week to give you the very latest information. We would have preferred to share this information with you much sooner, however were unable to do so due to the very recent changes to timescales.

This has been so unsettling for our families and our wonderful children and we are keen to support you in any way we possibly can to ensure that the return to school is as positive as possible. Unfortunately, the complications that we have encountered during the summer holidays could not have been foreseen and we continue to do everything in our power to resolve issues urgently. Always keeping the safety and wellbeing of our school community as the most important factor.

Again, we look forward to welcoming the pupils back next week and we look forward to working with you during the academic year ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patience over the difficulties of the past few months. We hope that these issues will soon be behind us and that we can focus fully on our main priority and passion: delivering the very best education for all the children.

Yours sincerely

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