



8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Re. RAAC Update

Thank you for your continued support and understanding regarding the temporary closure of one of our school buildings and the impact this has had on our capacity to educate all students on site.

I am writing to give you further details regarding the situation and update on the likely timescale for the disruption. We have utilised every available space to ensure that 5 out of 7 year groups will be able to learn on site every day from Monday 11th September.

We have also considered the possibility of relocating to other sites but the logistical and safeguarding challenges we are faced with mean that this is not a viable solution.

As you know, the affected building contains 18 classrooms, all of our catering facilities and some staff workspaces which has reduced our capacity. This means that we have lost the capacity for 550 students to learn on site each day.

In my letter to parents and carers on Wednesday 6th September I detailed plans for a two week rota. This rota will be reviewed prior to the end of the two weeks and I assure you that we will be considering all parental feedback in the decisions we make to ensure parity across year groups.

Since then we are delighted to have been able to secure 18 modular classrooms and a toilet block to be installed in the coming weeks. The procurement of these have been extremely logistically challenging as they are in short supply and high demand. Over the past 5 working days we have worked with the Department for Education, surveyors, structural engineers and contractors to ensure that this process was completed as quickly as possible. We are awaiting finalised plans and I will write to you early next week with a timetable confirming installation dates and the likely return date of all students to Roding Valley High School.

Please be rest assured that we are doing all we can to expedite the return to normal schooling for all our students. In the meantime, your understanding and support is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Dan Charlton
Headteacher

