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Dear Families

TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANGEL ROAD JUNIOR SCHOOL

I am relieved and pleased to inform you that we have been able create a short term plan for the children at Angel Road Junior in September before the beginning of the holidays. As communicated in the letter circulated on Tuesday 20th, there will also be a follow up meeting on **August 2nd 2021 at 5.30p.m.** Thank you for your patience and the kind words and gestures that have poured into the school. I recognise people may feel very differently and want to acknowledge this but again commend the community spirit that you as families create.

Below are the outline details so that you feel secure that educational provision is in place. More detailed arrangements will follow. We are aiming to have our whole school modular arrangements on the Infant school field in place in or around the October half term.

From September the **short-term plans** are as follows:

Boudica Schools Trust have very generously offered to accommodate seven classes of our children in the vacant classes at **St Clements Primary**. This will be for **Year 5 and 6 classes**.

Angel Road Infants and Nursery are able to accommodate 5 classes. This will be for **Year 3 and 4** classes. The Angel Road Schools work in very close partnership so we are pleased to be able to agree local provision so that children's learning is not disrupted further.

CLASSROOMS/YEAR GROUPS

- Y4 will be in the mobile classrooms next to the large playing field
- Y3 will be in temporary classrooms in the infant hall which will be adapted in to two class spaces by contractors over the summer.
- Y5/6 will be accommodated at **St Clements Primary School** in the upstairs part of the new building which is not yet populated with KS2 children from St Clements. Largely, the schools will operate separately so it will be important for these children to know they are part of Angel Road Junior and that they are not 'joining' St Clements as this is a temporary arrangement.
- Classroom equipment will be moved from class bases at ARJ and relocated to class bases at the temporary location during the summer break so all classes will return to attractive and welcoming learning environments with planned teaching and learning delivered through the existing excellent curriculum.

GETTING TO SCHOOL

- The school journey for Y3/4 children will not be significantly impacted.
- Y5/6 children are strongly encouraged to **walk or cycle** to St Clements school in small groups or with a parent. It is a 15 minute walk from Angel Road Infant to St Clements using a designated access point for our school. Parents **will not** be able to drive up to the school as vehicular access is already problematic both for staff and parents of St.Clements. We have been asked by the trust to strongly discourage driving children unless they have a very specific identified need. We are giving this information now as we hope that families may be able to buddy up and take it in turns to walk with children and you may be able to use social media to help communicate this. I must stress any such arrangements are not the responsibility of the school or Evolution Academy Trust
- We will however offer a very limited 'walking bus service' offered on a case by case basis. At this stage I must emphasise this has to be based on real need i.e disability, work commitments. You will be informed of this on or before August 2nd 2021.
- We are working on providing a 'safe route' map for you and children
- We will only be able to offer After School Club provision which will be located at Angel Road Infant and Nursery. You will receive further information about this in due course.
- We will be communicating with families whose children may need additional support through this transition process.

Further details such as start and finish times/collection arrangements will be communicated to you by or on August 2nd to help with your planning. Please be assured we have tried really hard to look at the arrangements through the lens of a 'busy parent with children on split sites' to make it workable.

The layout of the building and grounds at St Clements will enable us to maintain an appropriate degree of separation between the schools as it is important that we are all able to continue to identify with our own schools.

We are extremely grateful to leaders at Boudica Trust and the staff at St Clements who have been incredibly accommodating in our hour (term) of need and to the leaders at Angel Road Infant and Nursery for adapting so quickly. We are very committed to ensuring Y3 and 4 children really feel like Junior School children and Y5/6 children continue to feel connected to our school community.

Our professional advice is to support children to feel positive about the temporary arrangements as it is short term and we want them to feel happy and secure so they can learn well. Again, I completely understand that some adults may have misgivings, but generally speaking if the adults are 'ok' children will take your lead.

We will provide a progress report in the next meeting for the longer term arrangements and developments for the modular buildings Evolution are working to have in place in October. Please be assured we are 'all hands to the pump'.

DETAILS OF SUMMER CONTACTS

Urgent communication can be directed to office@angelroadjunior.norfolk.sch.uk and Evolution Academy Trust operate throughout the year on: Reception@evolutionacademytrust.co.uk. Naturally, leaders will be working in the summer to ensure arrangements are ready for September. I am sure you will appreciate the need for a break for them too after an exceptionally challenging end to the last 18 months.

THANK YOU

Again I want reiterate, we wholeheartedly understand the disruption and upset that you and your children have experienced. We have really strived to manage this in the best way possible for you. This may not have been perfect and where and if we have fallen short of the high expectations you deserve, may I wholeheartedly apologise; it certainly would never be deliberate or intentional. On the other hand, I would like to end by reinforcing previous messages that you are an exceptionally supportive community and that has really helped us focus on organising provision. Great learning happens because of great leaders so I do want to recognise what Al Whalen and her team have achieved. Good teaching and learning in essence is portable and I want to reassure this will continue to be our focus alongside the well-being of our children and staff.

Do have a calm, safe and restful summer. Thank you again.

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