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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following our last update before the Christmas break, I am writing to share the latest plans for the roof replacement at Ravenswood Primary School. This work is necessary because Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) has been found in the roof. To allow the work to be carried out safely and without disrupting the school year, Ravenswood Primary School (staff and pupils) will temporarily move to St Mary's Primary School and Nursery from summer 2025 for up to 12 months.

Both head teachers are working closely with the council to ensure a smooth transition. I'm sure you'll understand that this issue must be dealt with quickly and efficiently, and we are working across all relevant council services to ensure this happens. This move is a temporary arrangement to allow the work to go ahead without interrupting pupils' learning. Both schools will keep their own identity while sharing facilities at St Mary's.

We know parents and carers will have questions, so a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document will be available and updated regularly to address any concerns. In making this decision, we have carefully considered several key factors:

- **Space and facilities** – St Mary's Primary has capacity for the planned number of pupils. There will be sufficient classrooms and suitable spaces for both schools.
- **Daily operations** – Risk assessments, safety measures, disabled access, hygiene facilities, and curricular activities will all be carefully planned in full consultation with the head teachers.
- **Minimising disruption** – Every effort will be made to reduce disruption for pupils and staff. Both school communities will have dedicated spaces and resources to ensure learning continues as usual.
- **Traffic and parking** – We expect increased traffic at drop-off and pick-up times. We will work with transport colleagues to manage road safety and consider adjustments to school start and finish times.

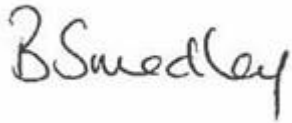
We are confident that this transition will go smoothly, and both head teachers have already shared that many pupils are excited about the plans.

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In the coming weeks, there will be an opportunity to meet with Parent Council representatives, and if you have any questions, please contact the school directly.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

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