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Dear Parents and Teachers,

I am delighted to inform you that that it has been decided that the British Forces School in Naples will remain open. This is subject to the following risk mitigating measures, which will be implemented immediately:

- An Assurance Board comprising senior stakeholders has been established to oversee the progress in building the new 'Interim' School. The Board will have its first meeting on the 4th June.
- The 'Interim' School must be available as soon as possible in Autumn of 2010;
- The ground floor of the main school building will be strengthened - the Defence Estates are already engaging with local building contractors to obtain quotes and work timelines;
- Monthly inspections of the school structure will commence this month and this will include inspection of the portacabins to assess if there is anything further which might be done to improve their strength;
- Some classes will be moved to the portacabins in order to improve the main school building evacuation process – this process will begin on the 1st June;
- Evacuation drills will continue to be practised regularly and the process reviewed, and where possible, improved;
- The Deputy Commanding Officer of the UK Joint Support Unit has confirmed the warning notice process with the Local authorities.

Additionally, the option for parents and teachers to leave the school, should they not feel comfortable with the arrangements, remains open. Each request to move to another school in the area, or elsewhere, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

May I take this opportunity to thank those of you who have worked so hard over the last 10 weeks to secure what I believe is the best outcome for our community.

yours sincerely