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Dear Rebecca

The two portakabin buildings are essential for the academy's daily operations. One provides the outside dining facility, relieving pressure on limited internal catering space. The second provides three teaching classrooms, four offices, and a meeting room, without which the school could not accommodate current pupil numbers or deliver the breadth of curriculum required.

Moor End Academy currently has 1057 pupils on roll. Following increased local demand for school places after the COVID period, the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) increased to 210 in 2021 at the request of the Local Authority (LA). This expansion was not discretionary but a direct response to significant pressure on local capacity and the high volume of admission appeals.

In addition to this permanent increase, the LA has requested that MEA accept a further five additional pupils in both September 2023 and September 2024, creating 'bulge' cohorts. This has resulted in existing facilities being stretched beyond original design capacity.

Without the buildings:

- MEA would not have sufficient teaching spaces to meet timetabling requirements.
- Curriculum breadth and group sizes would be adversely affected.
- Staff workspace and meeting capacity would be severely reduced.

The internal canteen cannot safely or efficiently accommodate two full year groups at the same time. To maintain teaching time and ensure pupils receive their statutory break entitlement, MEA operates staggered break/lunch arrangements (see table below)

The outside dining Portakabin is therefore essential to:

- Keep year groups separated, reducing incidents and improving behaviour,
- Maintain efficient movement around school,



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- Ensure all pupils access appropriate break and lunch provision.

Morning Break	Inside canteen	Outside diner
10:20am-10:40am	Y8	Y10
10:40am-11:00am	Y7	Y9
11:00am-11:20am		Y11
Lunch		
12:20pm-12:50pm	Y8	Y10
12:55pm-1:25pm	Y7	Y9
1:30pm-2:00pm	KS3 who had PE or ADT	Y11

Yours sincerely

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