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Dear Parent/Carer

Vacancy for Parent Governors on our Governing Body

You will all be very fully aware of our situation at Marden High School and the issues we are required to deal with in relation to the building. The Headteacher and the Staff have responded wonderfully, and I would like to use this opportunity to express our thanks for all their efforts. They have been striving to cope with the disruption which Covid has caused so many families and ensure that our students continue to receive the very best educational opportunities it has been possible to provide.

Now we have a new set of challenges. The failure of the roof across the front section of the building and the damage caused by the subsequent ingress of water means that significant areas of the school can no longer be used for teaching and learning for the time being. It may be that some of these facilities can be used again, but the loss of classroom/teaching space has been hugely disruptive, and I should like to thank you all for your patience, support and understanding. We are doing everything possible to address the situation, and our priority remains to enable the maximum amount of face to face teaching for our students that we can safely offer.

We have a very able and hard working Governing Body, but at this critical time for our school, we need more support. Please consider whether you may be able to join us. We should be especially glad to hear from parents who have experience with finance and buildings and also those with an interest in how we support our students who have special educational needs. Even if you have none of these but are still keen to lend a hand, then please let us know. If you simply want to find out what the role entails, then please contact me or the school. I should be more than happy to sit down and meet with you and tell you more.

Thank you again for all your support. It means a very great deal when the Head and all the school are working so hard to continue to provide our students with the very best education we possibly can. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Canon Adrian Hughes