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Dear Parents and Carers,

A few years ago, I had to make the difficult decision to write to you to ask for ongoing voluntary financial contributions to help maintain the outstanding level of education, opportunities and extra curricular activities at the school that our students deserve. I am writing today to update you on the persistent financial pressures facing St Marylebone and to appeal for your support.

Despite regularly voicing our concerns, real-terms reductions in Government funding continue to put enormous pressure on all state-funded schools. Only partial funding for statutory increases in teaching and support staff pay, together with increases in pension contributions, National Insurance and school running costs, have created a landscape of rising costs against a backdrop of insufficient funding.

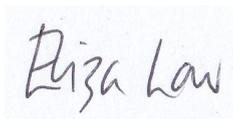
Careful financial planning together with the development of other sources of income, such as a successful lettings business, have helped to minimise the funding shortfall and its effects. However, due to the pandemic, overnight the school lost the significant income stream provided by the lettings business, and so financial pressure on the school is high.

This means that all and any voluntary contributions from our parents and carers remain essential. If you are able to contribute in this way, please consider what you can offer. A suggested amount is anywhere between £20 - £100 per month but any amount will make a valuable difference and will benefit all students at St Marylebone.

This is, of course, entirely voluntary and discretionary. We recognise that not everyone is able to contribute and no-one should suffer financial hardship by making a contribution. Should you feel you can contribute in this way, the instructions are below.

And to all of you who are already giving to the school, thank you so much for your continued support. It makes a huge difference.

With best wishes,



Eliza Low, Chair of Governors

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