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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Maintenance Contribution

I am writing to you on behalf of the Governing Body to invite you to pay the annual maintenance contribution. As you know, we request this each new school year.

Currently we ask for a yearly contribution of £36.00 for each child that attends the school (discounts are made for siblings). The amount is set by the school following guidelines from the LDBS. We are asked as a school to contribute over £5000 each year towards a maintenance fund held at the diocese. Schools can then bid for a share of the money to pay for larger costly projects. At Forty Hill we have successfully bid several times over the last few years.

Works have included:

- Extensive hot and cold water pipework
- Refurbishment of the children's toilets
- Replacing the school roof
- Resurfacing the playground
- Improvement to site security and a new gate and fob system
- General upkeep e.g. repainting walls and windows, upgrading fire doors

Over the upcoming year, we also hope to continue to improve the outside area and the ongoing maintenance of our classrooms.

If parents do not make this contribution, then the school has to make up the shortfall. As a Church of England school, the Local Authority does not contribute at all to the upkeep or repairs of our building, so being part of this fund is a necessity. As I am sure you will appreciate, the recent works have cost far more than we have paid into the fund.

The school governors really hope that this clarifies why this fund is needed and are very grateful to those parents that regularly contribute. We urgently request that, in this time of funding cuts and increased pressure on school budgets, every family makes this contribution this year. For ease, it is listed on your oldest child's Parent Pay account as 'School Maintenance Fund'.

If you have any questions about the fund, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the governing body.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors