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Dear parent,

You may be aware of pressure on school funding across the country. Many schools have had to make very difficult financial decisions. In real terms, school funding in England has declined since 2015. 83% of schools in England will have less money next year than in 2015. This issue is hitting London schools hard because of the decline in pupil numbers. In our area there is a significant surplus of school places. This has impacted on us and our neighbouring schools. Many London schools face significant financial pressures, which have only been exacerbated as a result of Covid-19.

The Leadership Team and Resources Sub-Committee have scrutinised every budget heading and made numerous cuts where possible over recent years. Despite this we have had to make further significant budget cuts again this year. Governors considered a range of options that would tackle a budget gap of £435,835. They applied the same approach as in previous years with the following rationale:

- To minimize the impact of cuts on our capacity to continue to raise standards
- To strike a balance between the cuts needed and not inhibit the school's ability to continue to improve

However, redundancies could not be avoided. As a result, we will have more staff leaving this year than is typical. In addition, with great regret, we will be suspending our Nursery provision. This means our Nursery will close with effective from September 2021. We will review the position next year and decide if we can reopen or if we need to permanently close our Nursery.

We have made arrangements with Clyde Early Childhood Centre so that our existing Nursery pupils can attend there and those on our waiting list will also be offered places.

We will, of course, do all we can to make sure your child's education is not impacted and that we deliver a first-class educational offer to all our children.

Yours sincerely,

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