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Mr M McShane (Head Teacher)
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Dear Mr McShane

I am writing to inform you that the Governors of Rednock School have decided to withdraw from the Marling Teaching School Alliance. While this has no direct consequence for Stroud High School, I thought that you should be informed of the reasons for taking this decision given the close relationship that the Stroud High School and Marling School have, in particular with regards to teaching and learning in the shared Sixth Form.

We feel that for a Teaching School Alliance to be a successful venture it needs to operate on a basis of collaboration, cooperation and trust. The proposal to increase the PAN of Marling School would be directly contrary to the interests of Rednock School and the implications for our school and for other comprehensive schools in the area would have been fully understood by the Governors of Marling School prior to making this decision.

As a consequence we are in agreement that it would be difficult to continue to work with Marling School and have notified them of our intention to withdraw from the Alliance with immediate effect. We deeply regret that we have had to make this decision, however we cannot foresee being able to continue to work in a collaborative manner with Marling School on this project.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

Sally Winterbottom
Chair of Governors

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