

## **Appendix A**

### **Statement from the Governing Body of Magor Church in Wales Primary School**

The Governing Body of Magor Church in Wales Primary School wishes to address the matter concerning the Deed of Covenant that currently includes the hard standing area at the rear of the school.

It is our understanding that the Deed of Covenant was not signed by the Governing Body at the time it was issued and it is also our understanding that the Governing Body at that time chose not to become involved in the matter. We sincerely apologise for any confusion or difficulty this may have caused.

As the current Governing Body, we believe it is in the best interest of the school community that the hard standing area be removed from the Deed. Our primary concern is the safeguarding of our pupils and the security of the school site. Allowing public access to this area would present a significant safeguarding risk, potentially compromising the safety of children and the integrity of the school premises.

Public access to the hard standing could also lead to unintended consequences, such as the accumulation of litter (including dangerous items such as broken glass/needles, dog faeces, etc) or, in a worst-case scenario, individuals remaining on site undetected during school hours. These risks are not acceptable in any school environment.

We therefore respectfully request that the hard standing at the rear of the school be removed from the Deed of Covenant to ensure the continued safety and wellbeing of your children, the staff who teach them as well as maintaining the integrity of your school premises.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

**The Governing Body**

Magor Church in Wales Primary School