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Dear First Minister,

Llongyfarchiadau ar eich apwyntiad diweddar! Congratulations on your recent appointment! We are proud to call you our new First Minister for Wales and look forward to hearing about all of your plans for the future.

We write to you from one of the oldest and most unique schools in Cardiff. Roath Park Primary School opened in 1895 – it is steeped in history and wonder. You can find out more about the building and our school community here: [RPPS - History Of The School](#)

We could not be prouder to represent our school community. One of our most important responsibilities as Senedd members at Roath Park is sharing the views of everyone attached to the school. Therefore, we are writing to you with a plea for understanding and a request to make a massive difference to us all in Roath.

Our beautiful school building has been neglected for far too long and now requires essential maintenance and repairs to its brickwork, roof and windows. Our Headteacher and Governing Body are constantly asked why we have had scaffolding at the front of the school since October 2021 and why no repair work has started. There is growing concern in our community that our school will continue to be left to subside and money will not be available to carry out the essential building work.

The health and safety of our community is being compromised by the building not being maintained properly. There is water coming in through parts of the roof and windows, the exterior walls are crumbling and the scaffolding prevents natural light from entering the windows. Our windows themselves are old and allow lots of heat to escape making the classrooms very cold in the winter, despite the heating being on full.

We have noticed that Welsh Government have spent a lot of money on new or newer schools in Cardiff. We think this will bring huge benefits to the communities where they are built.

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However, are Welsh Government allocating enough time, resources and money to schools like ours which is now in desperate need of repair?

Our futures will depend on the amount of money available to schools now. The staff at our school are amazing and deserve to work in a building which supports high quality teaching and learning. They have done everything possible to make sure this happens but now we need your support.

We would love to invite you to visit us at Roath Park Primary. This would be the best way of showing you the issues but also to explain the difference it would make to repair the building.

Please could you reply and let us know whether you will be available to visit?

Yours sincerely,

Zoe

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