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Dear Parents and Carers of Weston Rhyn School,

We are writing jointly as the Headteachers of Weston Rhyn Primary School and St Martins School to update you on the current situation regarding school transport from Weston Rhyn to St Martins School and, importantly, to reassure you about the actions being taken on your behalf.

We are fully aware of the significant concern and uncertainty caused by the proposed changes to school transport arrangements and the lack of clarity around when a final decision will be made. We want to be absolutely clear that both schools are actively and robustly appealing this proposal and are working together, alongside parents, to ensure a safe and reliable transport solution remains in place.

We have formally raised our concerns with Shropshire Council and the School Transport team, highlighting:

- The unsuitability and safety risks of the proposed walking route, particularly given the canal path, railway crossing, and limited lighting during winter months;
- The impact of delayed decision-making on families preparing for the transition to secondary school;
- The importance of maintaining transport provision for pupils starting St Martins School in September, given that applications were made in good faith based on existing arrangements.

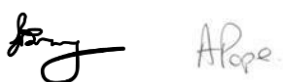
Please be reassured that we are pressing strongly for a timely decision and have made it clear that transport must be in place for the upcoming September intake. We will continue to escalate this matter until families are given certainty and reassurance.

In parallel, we are also exploring contingency options so that, should the Local Authority's decision not be resolved swiftly, no child is left without a viable and safe means of getting to St Martins School. Our priority remains the wellbeing, safety, and smooth transition of every pupil.

We understand how unsettling this situation is for families and we want you to know that we are united, committed, and persistent in our efforts. We will keep you informed of developments as soon as we receive further information and will communicate clearly at every stage.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Please be assured that the needs of your children remain central to all discussions and decisions.

Yours faithfully,



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