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Dear parents, carers and friends

School closure – Friday, March 20th 2020

As I'm sure you are aware, the Government announced yesterday that all schools in England will close at the end of tomorrow afternoon 'until further notice'. This means that, for the majority of children, there will be no school provision on site until the Government decides that schools should reopen, and at the time of writing we don't know when this will be. This is clearly an extraordinary situation – staff and governors are doing their best to find out exactly what it means for the children, families and staff at Wroxall – and how we can best support those who need us to. Mrs Day's letter gives further information about the current situation.

The most difficult part of this situation for the children is not knowing how long school will be closed and – particularly for the children in Year 6, how much they will miss as a result. As Mrs Day quite rightly says, children should carry on learning in some shape or form; the teaching staff are keen to support this, but it won't be learning that takes place in school and the usual summer term assessments, outlined in her letter won't take place this year. It is unexpectedly sad to be cancelling Year 6 SATs, an event that the children have worked really hard to prepare for over the past 7 years.

We may yet find that schools reopen before the end of the summer term, but nobody is able to know this, and the most important thing is for everyone to stay healthy and safe throughout.

Meanwhile, life goes on.

Head teacher recruitment

As you will be aware, Mrs Day has been working at Wroxall Primary School for some time now, bringing much needed continuity to the school's leadership. Her work at Wroxall is really appreciated by governors and her commitment to your children, their progress and well-being is tremendous – even when in self-isolation!

As you may be aware, Mrs Day's time at the school is due to end at the end of the summer term, when she will return to her full time commitment at Gatten and Lake Primary School. She will continue to be at Wroxall until then, seeing us through whatever happens next with coronavirus and ensuring the continuing safety and well-being of children and the wider school community.

As part of the defederation of the school, the newly-formed temporary governing body has been working hard behind the scenes to prepare the recruitment process for a substantive and full time head teacher for Wroxall to be in place for September, 2020. This position will be advertised tomorrow online and in the County Press next Friday. I wanted to let you know this beforehand.

It's an exciting moment for the school; governors are really optimistic about this process and about the school's future in general – their optimism is matched by a determination to move forward and return the school to its Good Ofsted rating as quickly as possible, building on the tireless work of Mrs Day and her team.

The deadline for applications is April 23rd – although the timeline and process may well be disrupted by Covid-19, we will do all that we can to recruit the best head teacher available for Wroxall Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Richard May', with a long horizontal tail stroke extending to the right.

Richard May

Chair of Governors