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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first Head of School letter at Wroxall Primary! I will be writing to you at least once per half-term to update you on School events and give details of any new initiatives within the School. I look forward to communicating with you all regularly, and hope to keep in close contact with all our families as we move into the New Year.

This week we are launching our new timetable, which will give all the children in the School increased and extended learning time during each day. **Please note that the start and end times of the School day remain unchanged.** Break and lunch timings have been changed slightly to accommodate the new plans, and bring us more in line with best practice at other Schools both on the Island and the mainland. We are very excited to be able to further extend thinking and create more time for in depth curriculum activities and experiences. Watch this space!

#### **School communication and newsletter update**

The main purpose of this first Head of School letter is to let you know that we will no longer be using newsletters as our primary means of communication. Instead, please find information and good news from the following sources:

#### **Our new School Website**

Please visit: [www.wroxallprimary.co.uk](http://www.wroxallprimary.co.uk)

On our fab new website you will be able to easily view upcoming diary dates, recent letters and plenty of other information and documents relating to our School.

#### **Facebook**

We currently have 280 followers at: <https://www.facebook.com/Wroxallprimaryschool>

Thank you to all the family members who have started to follow us, and for your lovely comments! We are very pleased that you are all enjoying sharing our learning. This is where we will continue to share good news, general reminders, and events happening in School. We will also share the weekly Rainbow Awards on this page. You do not need a facebook

account to view our page – simply click the link and ignore the pop-up box asking you to sign up.

### **Class Blogs**

Each class has their own blog where their exciting classroom activities and photographs are shared weekly. Please find the links to these on the new website under the *Classes* tab.

### **Teachers2parents text service**

This text service is mainly used for short reminders about events already advertised – or to correct things if we have made an error (sorry, it does happen – we are only human!). If you do not currently receive text messages from School and would like to, please contact the office to get signed up.

### **Head of School letters**

I will continue to update you with Head of School letters, each half term or more often if needed. You will still receive class letters from your child's teacher half-termly, and specific letters about trips and events also. General letters will be emailed to those on the mailing list – if you would like to be added to this list, please see the ladies in the office who will be happy to help.

### **Wroxall PTFA**

The PTFA have their own Facebook page, and a display board in the School foyer. Please check both to keep up to date with upcoming fundraising and school events – your support is always warmly welcomed!

### **Face to face!**

At Wroxall we have an open door policy, so please do pop in to speak to your child's class teacher either before or after school, or to make an appointment for a longer chat. I am also available if you wish to speak to me and am very happy to give you my time.

We welcome any suggestions you may have to improve communication further here at Wroxall, and thank you for your continued support of our School.

Yours faithfully,

Emily Paterson  
Head of School