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Dear Wroxall Primary School Community,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Wroxall Primary School Governing Board.

As you would expect, we are all devastated by the recent decision to consult on the closure of our school.

Whilst we, along with all other Island schools, are aware of the necessity to address surplus school places to ensure the highest quality teaching and learning environments for our children, this does not lessen the impact of the recent news on our happy and thriving school community and on all other school communities identified for potential closure.

We wish to stress that at this stage, no final decision has been made regarding school closures. Following the Cabinet Meeting, to be held on 12th September, should the proposals proceed, we will be actively participating in the formal consultation and will be strongly encouraging our school community to do the same.

We must emphasise that this consultation process is the route to get your opinions and feedback on the proposals heard by those making the decisions and to put forward alternative options for consideration.

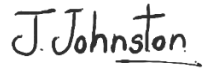
As a Governing Board we are taking time to fully scrutinise and understand the rationale and data given in the report that led to the decision to name Wroxall Primary. Work has already started and will continue to ensure we can provide a factual and robust response to the Local Authority once the consultation opens on 20th September.

Understandably, emotions are running high as the community and all involved are passionate about our school. As well as planning our formal response, it is vital that we look after and support all our staff and families who could potentially be affected.

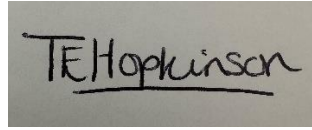
As a local village school, that has been fortunate to benefit from extensive refurbishment in recent years, we are in a wonderful position to provide a caring, child-centred education for each and every child who attends our school, in a well resourced and nurturing learning environment. This offer extends to our Wroxall Robins Preschool children who are an integral part of our school community.

Whilst our response to the consultation will be a key focus over the coming weeks, we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead of new learning opportunities under the leadership of our new headteacher and providing the very best education for our children. Please be reassured that we remain fully committed to our families, staff, community and most of all, our children.

Thank you for your continued support. As a school team we are humbled to see the energetic and proactive community response, which demonstrates the strength of feeling we all share with regard to our amazing school.

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Jenny Johnston: Chair of Governors

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Tara Hopkinson: Headteacher

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