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Dear Wraxall School Community

Consultation on the future of Wraxall School

Following much thought and consideration I am writing to you today regarding the future of Wraxall CofE Primary School.

Over recent years, the school has experienced a significant and sustained decline in pupil numbers. The number of children on roll is continuing to fall as a consequence of the declining birth rate in the local area. There is now a very large number of unfilled school places across the schools in the village, Nailsea and beyond. Indeed the decline in birthrate is a national issue but we are in one of the most severely affected regions. At Wraxall we now have only 22 pupils in Reception to Year 4. As we are funded on a per pupil basis this is placing enormous strain on our ability to provide a broad and balanced education to pupils and to sustain a vibrant school community. We also have responsibilities to manage the school's finances to ensure efficient use of public funds, which is increasingly difficult as the school's income reduces.

After careful review, including extensive conversations with North Somerset Council, the Diocese of Bath and Wells and the Department for Education, our Trustees have decided to begin a formal consultation on a proposal to close Wraxall CofE Primary School from September 2026.

We understand that this announcement could be unsettling. We remain committed to ensuring that the current pupils continue to receive high-quality education and support throughout this process.

To ensure continuity for pupils who will enter Year 6 in September 2026 (current Year 5 pupils) education provision will continue, at Wraxall School, for these children until July 2027 so they can complete their primary education before moving to secondary school.

This letter confirms the start of the listening period. This process is intended to give all those affected—parents, staff, pupils, and the wider community—an

opportunity to express their views and raise questions about this proposal to ensure the right decision is made, by the Department for Education, for our children and community.

I understand that this news will be deeply upsetting for many people who care so much about Wraxall School. The school has been at the heart of the community since 1809, and we recognise the connection and sense of belonging it represents. Please be assured that every effort has been made to explore alternatives before reaching this stage.

A Frequently Asked Question (FAQ document) as well as the detailed timeline for this listening period is available on the [LSP website](#).

As part of the listening period, we will be holding a public meeting at the **Cross Tree Centre, Wraxall Church, BS48 1LB on Thursday 12 February at 5.30pm**, where representatives from the school, Lighthouse Schools Partnership, the Department for Education, Bath and Wells Diocese and North Somerset Council will be available to provide further information and listen to your views. Please [click here](#) to register if you wish to attend this meeting.

You can also share your thoughts by emailing enquiries@lsp.org.uk. Please ensure you title your email 'Future of Wraxall School' and your email is received before the deadline below.

The listening period will run until 12noon on Monday 2 March 2026. After this date any feedback will be collated and the Minister for School Standards will review the information and make a final decision about the future of the school. We will of course update you all following this decision which we are currently expecting at the end of March 2026.

Should the proposal proceed, we will work closely with families to manage any transitions with compassion and care, ensuring that the needs of each child are fully met. North Somerset Council (NSC) will also provide guidance and support on identifying and applying for new school places. Should you have any questions about this process you will need to contact the NSC Admissions Team directly via admissions@n-somerset.gov.uk

We thank you for your engagement and your continued support of the school at this time.

Kind regards,



Dr Gary Lewis
Chief Executive