



LIGHTHOUSE
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

20 May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Colleagues,

DfE Decision regarding future of Wraxall CofE Primary School

You will be aware that we have been awaiting the decision from the Department for Education (DfE) following the formal listening period regarding the closure of Wraxall CoE Primary School.

I am writing to formally confirm that, following a decision by the Minister for School Standards, Wraxall CofE Primary School will close at the end of this academic year (August 2026). The original proposal to remain open during 2026-27 for the current Year 5 cohort is no longer required as these pupils have all found alternative places in other schools.

Please see the full letter from the Department for Education below.

This decision was not taken lightly, and I acknowledge that it has been an unsettling time for many. The whole school community and the achievements of the pupils will always remain a source of great pride.

School staff will continue to prepare the remaining Year 6 pupils for their transition to secondary school and support will remain in place for our staff as they consider their next steps and employment opportunities. It has been good to see a number of successful applications or redeployments agreed already. We will also continue to work closely with our colleagues at North Somerset Council and the Diocese of Bath and Wells in regards to possible future use of the school site. At time of writing this is not yet determined.

All Saints Church is hosting a 'Wraxall School Museum' in the Cross Tree Centre on the weekend of 18 and 19 July 2026. You are very welcome to visit to celebrate the history of the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and you have continued to show the school over the past few months and our staff should be commended as they have remained committed and professional throughout.

Should you have any questions about this announcement please do not hesitate to email enquiries@lsp.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Gary Lewis

Chief Executive



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Dear Gary,

I am writing in response to your request to the Department of Education of 20 November 2025 and updated 26 March 2026, seeking approval for the closure of Wraxall CoE Primary School. The outcomes of the listening period, and the views of the respondents, have been taken into account in making the decision.

Decisions regarding school closures are not taken lightly, however, based on further advice, the Minister for School Standards is satisfied that closing Wraxall CoE School is the right option in the absence of any suitable alternative.

This means that it is expected that the school will close at the end of August 2026. All pupils have an agreed transition plan in place co-ordinated by North Somerset Council and will move to their new schools ahead of September 2026.

Thank you for focussing on securing the best possible outcomes for your pupils during a challenging period for the whole community.

Yours sincerely,

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