



WYNSTONES
A WALDORF SCHOOL

Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Friends of Wynstones,

It is with great sadness that I need to announce it will not be possible to re-open the school this September as planned. Unfortunately, at this point we do not have sufficient numbers to ensure the school would be financially viable in the coming year.

In order to ensure that families have time to make alternative arrangements for their children's education the Board of Trustees have had to make the difficult decision to stop preparations for provision this September.

We are terribly sorry to those families who have applied for places and the staff with whom we had been looking forward to working alongside. I would like to acknowledge the people who have devoted a great deal to the renewal and restoration of Wynstones including many alumni who have supported the school from afar, and those who have joined the school's Board. We are currently reviewing how that work might continue. At this stage, all monies donated to the school's bursary fund for this coming September will now be returned, with thanks for the support towards our inclusion agenda. Equally, all application fees will also be returned.

The next steps are being considered by the Board and further announcements will be made in due course. We are exploring ways to ensure continuity for the 'Listening Spaces' recently announced to support past parents and students of the school.

I would like to express my regard and thanks for the contribution, clarity and integrity of the new Board and staff team over this past year, in dealing with the past and holding vision for the future, alongside the shared aspirations of those families who have been calling for a high-quality holistic education. This call remains, and how that is achieved is a conversation that I, personally, remain committed to and hope, at some point, to participate in again.

With deep regret,

Paul Hougham

Principal