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Dear Parents,

You may remember we wrote to you a while ago about the difficulties schools were having nationally with education funding and how this would affect Widecombe Primary School in the future. Now we have made it through the election process, we thought we would update you on the situation at Widecombe.

Firstly, we have some very good news to share which has helped support the school through these difficult times. One of our families was aware of the challenges that school funding was presenting to Widecombe and knew that the school was going to make cuts to the staffing structure, as many other schools have had to do. In response to this problem, they have made a donation, supported by gift aid, which has given the school an additional £10,000. Because of this very generous donation, we have avoided the loss of staff and have been able to protect our small-school structure. The family wish to remain anonymous, but we would like to thank them on behalf of not only our staff but also all of the community. Their generosity has undoubtedly protected the education we offer to all of your children in these very difficult times for education.

However, this is the first step in dealing with a serious problem, which the Governors are continuing to address. In light of this donation, and in the year of the 85th anniversary of the school, we feel it is a good time to renew the impetus on fundraising, as well as recommending our great little school to others. To this end, a MyDonate page will be set up and there will be a follow-up letter giving full details of this and the use of Gift Aid when it is in place. If you are aware of any businesses or individuals who wish to donate before the MyDonate page is active, we would ask you to signpost them to our administrator at admin@widecombe.devon.sch.uk.

Of course, the ideal solution is that schools are properly funded by the Government in the first place and we would remind you that there is a national website <https://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/#/> supported by all the education unions that enables you to contact your MP to raise your concerns.

If you have any ideas or can help in any way, please let us know.

Kind regards,

Des Stokes