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Dear Families,

I am pleased to report that we have had another great two weeks for those pupils that have been attending school. There has been some fantastic learning taking place – mainly outdoors but also lots of catch up reading and maths.

There will be a full newsletter next week but there are some important messages I wanted to deliver earlier to families to support with planning over the next few weeks, the summer break and into September.

**End of Term: School will finish for the summer for the majority of children on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

**Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July: No children unless in category below**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** School is open for yr 6 children (as arranged)/ children of Key workers (as arranged), children needing additional support (as arranged)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** School is open for yr 6 children (as arranged)/ children of Key workers (as arranged), children needing additional support (as arranged)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** School is open for children of Key workers (as arranged), children needing additional support (as arranged)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July/Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Staff only

Barton Hill Academy will not be open during the summer holidays.

**September:**

We are waiting on guidelines from the Department of Education about expectations for September. Once we have these, we will communicate a plan for September. We will need to be sure that we can fulfil the health and safety guidelines before all pupils can come back as the safety of pupils and staff is paramount.

Based on current Bristol City Council guidance and following discussions with David Watson, CEO of Venturers Trust and with our Local Governing Body we want to inform you that the new start date for Term 1 will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Barton Hill Academy welcomes this decision as this means that we can respond to any new information from the DfE during the summer, inform parents and get any additional measures in place in addition to carrying out the normal staff training which is so important at the beginning of any academic year.

**Transition Arrangements:**

Weeks beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June/6<sup>th</sup> July: Transition/home learning pre-teaching/homework checking either Monday/Tuesday or Thursday Friday as arranged according to your phone call – Please ring the school office if you are unsure of your days/times

**Reports:**

Reports will be being sent out week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July. These include assessments and targets that were set at the end of Term 3, just before school closed due to COVID-19. The addition to the reports will be the personalised comments about your child's attitudes to learning and personal comments from your child's class teacher. As statutory assessments did not occur and attendance reporting was not required post lockdown, we will not be reporting End of Key Stage Assessments and overall attendance %s this year.

I hope that as lock down is easing that you are able to start seeing friends and family again. Please do stay safe whilst doing so. Thank you again to everyone who has sent messages of support and shared comments to inform developments. I am truly proud of how our school has risen and will continue to rise to the challenges of the last few months.

Sincerely,



Emma Tovey  
**Principal**