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Dear Parents & Carers,

As you may have heard, schools are to close to the majority of pupils at the end of the day on Friday 20th March. In these unprecedented times, we wanted you to know that we will still work hard to provide education and support for your child. The closure is not unexpected and we have been preparing carefully for different outcomes.

We are working to ensure that we provide learning for children both in the short and the long term.

What can you do?

There will be many ways that we can work together in our communities in the coming weeks. The two key priorities are as follows:

- If your child has, or develops, a cough or a temperature, you must ensure that they do not attend school. This is also the case for the children of key workers. This is essential. We do need the support and cooperation of families to ensure that children are not exposed to those with symptoms.
- Support your child to continue learning.
 - It would help your child if you are able to create routine and structure to the day
 - If possible, find a quiet place for them to complete work for school
 - If you are experiencing difficulties accessing the work, let the school know.

We are committed to supporting the government's position to keep schools open for children of key workers and vulnerable children, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus. Our current definition of a Key Worker (as of 19th March, pending clarity from the government) is

- Clinical staff employed by the NHS
- Teachers, including further education teachers and Early Year/nursery teachers;
- Police officers and community support officers in specified forces;
- Probation officers;
- Local authority or NHS social workers;
- Uniformed staff, in fire and rescue services;
- Armed forces personnel;
- Highway Agency traffic officer staff;
- LA environmental health officers/practitioners;
- Care workers;
- Food/supermarket delivery drivers

If you are not on this list, please plan to make alternative arrangements for your child as we must follow the Department for Education guidelines and prioritise the children of key workers to ensure front line services are maintained for us all.

Free School Meals

If your child usually receives a free school meal we will also be in touch with more information on how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government announced last night. We are still waiting on further details.

We fully appreciate that this time will be very unsettling. It is important to know that you are not alone and we are here to support you. Emails are being checked daily so if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will respond when we can.

I wish you and your family good health over the coming period and hope that we can return to school as we know it as soon as possible.

You can always find the latest updates via our website: www.bartonhillbristol.org, Twitter: @BartonHillAc

Further information will follow tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Tovey". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light grey rectangular box.

Principal