Dear parents/carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break; a slightly belated welcome to our very first ‘remote’ Summer Term!

**We’ve all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you’re doing supporting your child’s wellbeing and learning during this time.**

Teachers have allocated some time this week making videos for their classes – so hopefully they will be heading your way shortly – if they have not done so already! Mr Hussain has been at the helm of uploading etc…many thanks to all. Miss Bailey and Mrs Wills will be back on board next week as they undertook childcare in school last week and are therefore hopefully resting at home as we speak – their belated holiday. Many thanks to them for switching their holiday dates.

It’s definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it’s ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We’re here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting the office: office@wycliffe.bradford.sch.uk. We will reply as soon as we are able.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government’s guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we’re carrying on with remaining open for the children of our invaluable keyworkers and vulnerable children if they have no other means of keeping their child safe in these difficult times.

Just because we’re not all in the same building, doesn’t mean we can’t have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the Summer Term – so keep a close eye on the website – **the home learning tab and class pages**. Remember to peep at other year groups too – **you can access what you want when you want.** We have had some tremendous emails and photos evidencing great home learning; please keep then streaming in when you can! Being safe online is crucial:<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s> has lots of nice age appropriate resources. *The parent tab also has a new COVID 19 area too for you to access updated and relevant information.*

Mr Cotson has helped to generate a weekly breakdown of what is happening when as far a ‘online learning’ is happening in the wider community – you will find this really useful – it’s on the home learning tab. Thank you Mr Cotson – good to have you back! The Government has also set up their very own Online Academy – this is the link: <https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-parents-pupils/>

We could simply set this as our learning platform, but feel that this would lack the creative and tailored approach that we want to follow to engage yourselves and help our teachers to focus on your Wycliffe learning journeys. We may therefore dip in and out of relevant lessons but want you to be able use it at your leisure. Likewise, BBC Bitesize have set up weekly schedule – great if that works for you and yours. Their site can be found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

We can’t say yet when we’ll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we’ll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected. Apart yet together.

Let’s get cracking with our summer term but please remember…….

Stay home. Stay safe. Stay kind.

Warmest regards,

Mrs. Baxter and your Wycliffe family.