



Wednesday 8 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an extremely difficult time for us all and on behalf of all the schools in Wallsend we wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for the support you have shown us.

We are proud to have been able to keep our schools open throughout the lockdown to support vulnerable learners and pupils whose parents are critical workers in the fight against Covid-19. We also wanted to thank you for the support you have given us as we have been opening our schools further to the year groups the government has identified. We are already planning to fully reopen our schools in the autumn term in line with the recent government guidelines and we are looking forward to seeing all of our pupils back in school. In the meantime, schools across Wallsend will spend the summer holidays getting ready for September and will not be open for pupils during this time.

Whilst our schools will be closed over the summer holidays we have been working as a partnership of schools along with the Wallsend Children's Community and the Wallsend Action for Youth Charity to try to coordinate and develop a summer programme to support families both with enrichment activity and as support where other family members are unable to step in because of social distancing measures.

The challenge is that many of the amazing community buildings in our area are still closed, with limited guidance on re-opening at this time and funding is limited. However, we have been able to develop a programme for two weeks based at one of our schools – Churchill Community College. This will run between 9.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Thursday with lunch provided between 27th July and 7th August 2020. There is a maximum of 90 places for young people across Wallsend as follows:

- Age 5-7 there will be 30 places
- Age 8-11 there will be 30 places
- Age 12+ there will be 30 places

Each school will be in touch with families to organise these places. Please look out for more information.

Signed

David Baldwin

Chair of the Wallsend Partnership of Schools

