

Never look down on anybody unless you are helping him up. Jesse Jackson

Barley Lane School

Friendship, Optimism, Hardwork

1st April 2021

“Summer Schools”

Dear All,

The government is providing funding for summer schools and its focus is on pupils in transition from primary to secondary school. We will attract some funding and be allowed to decide how it is spent however there are other things to be considered.

Unlike many comparable schools locally and nationally this school never closed at any point in this period of lockdowns stretching back to last spring 2020 and some staff worked throughout Easter and half-term and the summer holidays into the next September.

The notion that working from home is equivalent in any way to being at work in our setting is just plain silly and most staff have been at work most of the time this past twelve months.

Attendance of both children and staff has been high throughout this challenging period with many children’s education largely unaffected this year.

We have in this overall effort already spent money we don’t have on extensive outreach and mentoring and staffing in school and accessed staff goodwill and generosity to the point of being exploitative and damaging their health and wellbeing.

The team is committed but in truth weary and there is no willingness at all from them across functions to work this summer (nor is there any obligation to do so) and I stand shoulder to shoulder with them in this: this is not about money (the work is paid) or any lack of commitment to the children but colleagues’ wellbeing in the context described above and about how they perform next school year.

We will explore any pragmatic ways to secure and spend money to make vulnerable children safer this summer but this is very uncertain given we must spend first and then reclaim our costs.

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