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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Important Updates

I hope that you and your family are keeping well. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some key updates.

The first is in reference to the building programme currently being undertaken at Beacon Hill Academy. Our school site is undergoing an extensive upgrade, with work currently focused on the roof and other key sections of the main building. During the works, our contractors have identified certain tasks which are only safe to conduct when the school site is empty due to the complex and disruptive nature of the tasks.

Having worked closely with Speller Metcalfe and Dudley Academies Trust's estates team, it is unfortunately the case that in order for the work to be completed in time for our learners' safe return for the start of the next school year, the academy will have to close to learners one week earlier for the Summer holiday than initially intended. This situation is something that, given the disruption to education over the last few years, we would have keenly avoided. However, the health, safety and well-being of our learners are of paramount importance and have to come first.

Please rest assured that in order to secure the continuity of education during the closure, learners will be provided with remote learning via Microsoft Teams. During this week, work will be set by pre-recorded sessions. This is a small yet important detail, as it will enable us to run a succession of trips which will furnish learners with the opportunity to engage in activities and experiences which undoubtedly both they and their staff have been looking forward to taking part in.

To clarify, the Beacon Hill Academy site will be closed to learners and staff at 16:00 on **Friday 9th July 2021**. Remote Learning Week will run from **Monday 12th July 2021 to Friday 16th July 2021**.

Further details about the remote learning programme and the educational visits will be released in due course. As you will appreciate, I wanted to update you with a broad outline of the plans as soon as we had confirmation of the early closure.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your valuable time and for your continued support during what has been a testing period. As a school community we look forward to the next academic year and to a very bright future.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Dhami
Principal



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