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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well.

Further to the letter from the Mayor on the 22nd May and the letter from Dr Rupert Suckling, Director of Public Health for Doncaster on the 28th May, Dr Suckling has continued to review the evidence regarding the safety of bringing more pupils back to school and another letter has been published today. In this letter, which can be found on our website, Dr Suckling writes:

I still believe it is too early to open schools over the next week. My reasoning for this is as follows:

- **The national bioalert level remains at 4, this has not changed since I last issued advice**
- **There have been double the number of cases reported to me via the NHS Test and Trace system than previously via the national government website**
- **30% of the current cases have not yet been contacted so the number of contacts to trace remains unknown**

This means that Bawtry Mayflower will remain closed for wider groups of pupils until further notice.

We are continuing to provide childcare for priority groups. These include the children of key Workers and children who are deemed to be vulnerable. The numbers of pupils in these groups is increasing and is likely to continue to do so. As well as providing childcare we have also been preparing the school site for wider opening including signage, removal of all unnecessary furniture and resources and ensuring that classrooms are set out in a way that supports social distancing. We have also revisited our curriculum to ensure that we can support children effectively once they return to school. PPE for all staff has been purchased should it be needed.

While we would love to have all our children back in school, I feel it is only fair to let you know that once Dr Suckling advises it is safe for us to open to more pupils, it is highly unlikely that we will be able to open fully or indeed to all pupils from Y6, Y1 and EYFS as directed by the Government. The reason for this is that we are limited by classroom space and the availability of staff. We will be looking at a phased return and the possibility of a rota system whereby pupils will attend for part of a week or alternate weeks.

The Local Authority website contains information relating the opening of schools. This can be found at: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/information-about-the-reopening-of-schools>

Thank you for your understanding and I will write to you again next week with further information on our progress towards wider opening.

Regards,

Mrs Jenkinson (Headteacher)

