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Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to write to you now that we have reached the end of our first half term back in school to say thank you for your understanding and support since returning to school in September. We are sure that you understand the mammoth task that we had in ensuring that school was safe for children and staff to fully return and we all appreciate your help by following our routines and our requests for help with new practices. A number of parents have contacted us to say positive things about how well their children have settled and about what we are doing. We really appreciate this - you cannot imagine how lovely it is for staff to get a positive boost in these difficult times.

As you know we are reintroducing hot school meals from Monday 2nd November. We have worked hard to meet rigorous risk assessment criteria and to ensure that children and adults are safe. Unfortunately, not all classes will be able to eat in the hall as we need to ensure that social distancing between bubbles can be maintained and that adequate cleaning can take place between sittings. We anticipate that, as with all new systems, there may be teething problems - please bear with us as we embed the new procedures.

We hope that you get some time to do lovely things during the half term break even though spending time with family and friends has now been restricted due to us entering Tier 3. Please do everything you can to keep yourself, your family and the community safe and well. As a school community, we have managed to get to this point without having to close any bubbles due to positive cases and we hope that, by us all working together, we can keep school open for as many children as possible for as long as possible.

We have already informed you of the process to follow should your child or a close contact test positive for Covid-19 during term time. Please see below for the process to follow during the half term holiday.

- Please email **both** Mrs Walker and Mrs Jenkinson. These emails are as follows:
n.walker@bawtrymayflower.doncaster.sch.uk and head@bawtrymayflower.doncaster.sch.uk.

We will check emails periodically during the week.

If you receive any test results on the evening of Sunday 1st November or early in the morning of Monday 2nd November, please email us but also leave a message on the school answerphone in case your email is not picked up.

We are asking you to follow the above procedures so that we can contact Public Health England and the DfE for advice. This will also allow us to notify parents who may need to arrange for their child to self-isolate.

If we need to close a bubble due to a positive case, we want to give you as much notice as we can. We will, where possible, contact you by text and email prior to the next school day. Please be aware however, that if this isn't possible, we will try to contact you in the morning before your child's drop off time.

Enjoy the half term holiday.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Keep safe.

Mrs Jenkinson & Mrs Walker

