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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a great summer and were able to spend some time relaxing as a family. All the staff have been busy preparing school and we are all really excited to welcome our fantastic children back.

I wanted to write to you to just clarify a few details regarding the procedures that will be in place in school from tomorrow. We know that rates in and around Doncaster are high and are expected to rise as the children come back. We also know that for some parents, staff and children a complete relaxation of all procedures can be quite an unsettling prospect. With this in mind, below are the procedures that we will keep in place for the foreseeable and some of the tweaks and changes we have made to our routines.

Routines that will remain the same:

- **We will still ask that you continue to use the entrances and exits that you were using last year.** Parents with both KS1 and KS2 children should enter through the bottom gate and allow KS2 children to walk across the playgrounds.
- **No one (children, parents, carers) should enter the school site with possible symptoms of COVID-19.** Please read the letter attached from Rupert Suckling, Director of Doncaster Public Health.
- **Children who display symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home and parents are expected to access testing for them.**
- **Entry to the school building will continue to be limited to staff and pupils only.** If you wish to pass on a message, please do so via email to admin@bawtrymayflower.doncaster.sch.uk or by a telephone call.
- **Windows will be open for extra ventilation.** As before, if your child feels cold in the classroom, they are able to bring a hoodie, cardigan, fleece to wear as long as it is plain and appropriate for school.
- **Good hand hygiene will still be expected throughout the day.**
- **Cleaning throughout the day.** School is cleaned regularly throughout the school day. High touch areas are cleaned more frequently.
- **Children should come to school in their PE kits on PE days.**

Some changes to the routines:

- **Face coverings on the school grounds will now be optional** but we ask that you continue to keep yourself safe by maintaining a distance from others.
- **Face coverings for staff in school will be optional for staff.**
- **Bubbles have been expanded to building bubbles for now.** In order to try to contain any outbreaks of COVID-19 in the coming weeks/months, we will be keeping the children in the top and bottom buildings separate. We will not be holding any whole school assemblies at the moment.
- **All children will eat in the dining hall.** Lunch times will revert back to how they were before the pandemic began. KS1 and Reception will have lunch together in the dining hall at 12p.m. KS2 will eat in the dining hall from 12:30p.m.

For information on the school day and where to drop your child off, please re-read the letter we sent out at the end of July. This can be found in the 'Letters home' section of the school website.

As always we will continue to review our procedures and accept that they may need tweaking as we move through the term.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs N Walker
Head of School

