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Dear Parents/Carers,

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First of all, we hope that you and your families are safe and well.

We are really looking forward to Monday and welcoming back our children who have been learning from home during this term. Staff have planned an exciting Science Day for Monday and are really looking forward to having all of their children back.

Most of our procedures and routines from March 8th will be the same as in the Autumn term and so will not be new to parents or children. We need to maintain these routines as the transmission rates are still high and we need to reduce the spread of the virus as much as possible. We would also like to take this opportunity to share some new safety measures with you, in light of updated guidance and changing circumstances.

**Routines that remain the same:**

- **Each class will be a 'bubble' again.** This means that they will be separate from other 'bubbles' across the school and the children will not mix with others outside of their bubble.
- **Each 'bubble' will have its own start and finish time** - these will be the same as before Christmas - see below. Please ensure that you do not arrive early or late.

Class	Start time	Finish time
Nursery	9:10	12:10
Reception	9:05	3:05
Year 1/2 A	8:50	2:50
Mrs Davies		
Year 1/2 B	8:55	2:55
Miss Taylor		
Year 1/2 C	9:00	3:00
Miss Cruickshanks		
Year 3/4 A	9:00	3:05
Miss Walsham		
Year 3/4 B	9:05	3:10
Mrs Pickersgill		
Year 5/6 A	8:45	2:50
Mrs Parkes		

Year 5/6B	8:50	2:55
Mrs Wood		
Year 5/6C	8:55	3:00
Miss Dunn		

Government guidance has been updated to include that parents should not gather outside of school gates so please bear this in mind when you are coming to drop off and pick up.

Please note that no one should be waiting on the lower school playground once you have collected your Y1/2 child. Parents must leave the school grounds immediately.

- **Bubbles will have staggered lunch times and breaktimes.** We are in the process of finalising plans and timings regarding lunches as providing hot meals to 10 'bubbles' is a logistical challenge. All children will be receiving a hot meal if they have school dinners like they did before Christmas. However, some classes will be eating in their classrooms and some will be eating in the dining hall. The children's dinner times are likely to change. Some bubbles may be on a weekly rota for their sitting if they are eating in the dining hall as eating times are likely to be later than usual for some classes.
- **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.
- **School will have the same designated entrances and exits and one way system as the Autumn Term.**
- **Face coverings MUST be worn by all parents/carers when entering the school site (unless medically exempt).** Please ensure your face covering covers your mouth AND nose. Staff members will ask adults when entering the site to wear their face covering correctly.
- **No one (children, parents, carers) should enter the school site with possible symptoms of COVID-19.** We will be sending out a leaflet of updated COVID-19 procedures and guidance later this week. Please make sure you read it carefully.
- **Children should not attend school if they are unwell.**
- **Children who display symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home and parents are expected to access testing for them.** When a child displays symptoms, they will be isolated in the lower school library and parents/carers must immediately collect them. A member of school staff will be with the child at all times but will be wearing PPE. The staff member will give you advice about getting your child tested for COVID and isolating when you collect 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](mailto:admin@bawtrymayflower.doncaster.sch.uk) or by a telephone call.
- **Enhanced cleaning throughout the day.** School is cleaned regularly throughout the school day. High touch areas are cleaned more frequently.
- **Unfortunately, we are not in a position to reopen Buddies wrap around care at this time.**

### New routines in school

- **Asymptomatic home testing of staff.** All staff at Bawtry Mayflower are now able to access twice weekly lateral flow testing. This testing is designed to find people who may be carrying the virus without symptoms.
- **Compulsory face coverings.** It is now compulsory that staff wear face coverings in all communal areas outside of the classroom. Our staff have done this in school since September and so this is not new to them. There is NO requirement for primary aged children to wear face coverings in school. Some staff may choose to wear a face covering or visor in the classroom; however, this is personal choice and not compulsory.
- **Asymptomatic testing of parents/carers of school aged children.** Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will

be able to test themselves twice every week from home as schools return from 8 March. Please visit the website below for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support during the partial school closure and the challenging circumstances of recent times. The children learning at home and in school have shown incredible resilience and we are so proud of them all. We look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming months to ensure that our school is as safe as it possibly can be for our children, families and staff. We are ready to welcome all children back into school on Monday and we look forward to seeing all their smiling faces.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs N Walker  
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