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Dear Parents/Carers,

16th July 2021

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the last academic year. Whilst it has not been the year that we hoped it would be for our children, with your support and understanding, we have had a successful school year nonetheless.

I wanted to write to you before the summer holidays to provide you with some information regarding the procedures that will be in place from September. Following the government announcement about the move to the next stage in the road map out of the pandemic, we are planning to make some adaptations to routines and structures in line with this. Of course, due to the ever-changing nature of the current situation with Covid-19, we will need to continue to adapt flexibly in line with government and DfE guidance. This means that although we can begin to put plans in place now for September, we may need to adapt them closer to the time depending on the local situation.

We would like to think that we can return to some form of normality from September and so plan to return most of the school day to that of February 2020. We will be removing: bubbles, staggered starts and finishes and staggered breaks and lunch times.

The most recent guidance published for schools outlines that, although we are moving to the next stage in terms of the national effort against Covid-19, we will still need to maintain some of the safety procedures that we have in place. Currently, these are as follows:

- **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.**
- **We will still ask that you continue to use the entrances you have been doing this 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.** We will be sending out a leaflet of updated COVID-19 procedures and guidance closer to starting back in September. Please make sure you read it carefully.
- **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.
- **Enhanced cleaning throughout the day.** School is cleaned regularly throughout the school day. High touch areas are cleaned more frequently.
- **PE kits.** We ask that children continue to come to school wearing their PE kits on the days that their class have PE lessons. Class days for PE will be confirmed in September and we will inform parents and carers of these.

The school day on return in September:

School doors open at 8.45am in KS1 and EYFS
School starts at 8.55am in EYFS and KS1 School starts at 8.45am in KS2- doors will be open from 8:40a.m.
Break - 15minutes KS1 and KS 2
Lunch - 12.00 -12.45 pm in Reception & KS1 12.30 - 1.15pm in KS2
Afternoon break - 10 minutes - KS1 and KS2
School day ends - EYFS - 2.55pm KS1 & KS2 - 3pm
Any School clubs: 3.00pm - 3:45p.m. or 4:00p.m.

Foundation stage:

Please walk your child to the reception gate as you have done this year, where a member of FS staff will be waiting to take them into the classroom.

Please collect your children from this gate at the end of the day as well.

Key Stage 1:

Mrs Davies' class: please take your child to the classroom door where a member of staff will take them into the classroom.

Miss Cruickshank's class: please take your child to the door directly at the bottom of the steps from the playground where a member of staff will be waiting to send them to their classroom.

To collect your children, please just come onto the Key Stage 1 playground and your child will be passed to you by their class teacher or teaching assistant.

Key Stage 2:

If your child is in KS2, we are asking that you consider whether you need to come onto the school site with them or whether you can drop them at the school gate as you have been doing this year. However, we understand that children moving into Y3 and into a new building is daunting and so understand if you feel you want to accompany them onto the school playground.

I would like to remind parents who will be new to KS2 that on a night time the children are allowed to leave their classroom and go to their parent alone. They will not be lined up and handed over as in KS1, so please make sure you talk to your child about waiting with a school adult if they cannot see you or you are running slightly late. The children's class teachers will also discuss this with them on the first day and remind them throughout the year. There will always be a member of school staff at the door seeing them out.

On Wednesday 1st September, a link to Microsoft Form, which is an online survey system, will be sent out to all parents of children in KS2 regarding permissions for children to walk home from school on their own. We will ask that this form is completed by 5pm on this day and if not completed by this deadline, children will not be allowed to walk home alone the following day. This new form will replace the existing permissions that we have for this academic year and so will need to be completed for all children in KS2 who will be walking home from school on their own from Thursday 2nd September.

After school clubs

In September, we will also be in a position to be able to offer after school clubs for the children in each phase. The reason that we are offering in phases is so that if we need to move back to a bubble system at any point, there is the hope that we will be able to continue to offer clubs as well. Letters for these clubs will be sent home in the first full week back in September. Currently, there are a couple of clubs per phase.

Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about our expectations in terms of uniform, details of which can be found in our Uniform Policy under the Policies section of our school website. As children return to school in September, we ask that you ensure that they are wearing full school uniform, including PE kit, as outlined in this policy. Details of how to order uniform, if necessary, can also be found in this section of the school website.

School will continue to have a clear risk assessment in place for COVID-19. We also have an outbreak management plan in place which covers the possibility that it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups.

Again, thank you for your support this year.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs N Walker
Head of School

