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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

The media is full of speculation and reporting plenty on schools and what education might look like in September. At the moment I am spending huge amounts of my day reviewing and responding to Government Guidance. I am planning a phased return to ensure that we safely welcome all children back to Beormund school during September. We will be regularly communicating with you to ensure that we plan what is right for your child as they assimilate back into school life.

Many children (and adults) find change difficult and we are going to be managing plenty of transitions: new teachers, new classes, new children, new classrooms, new routines and new structures. We, collectively, as an experienced school team will effectively manage those transitions so that your child feels safe.

We will be providing a Recovery Curriculum here at Beormund which will have an explicit focus on Personal, Social and Health Education (otherwise known as PSHE). We will have a great emphasis on reading again and developing the core English and Maths skills. We're looking at Active Maths, exploratory learning opportunities outside the classroom in order to create fun, engaging and socially distanced sessions. As educators we have had time to reflect on our current provision in order to enhance what we do.

We will retain lots of our daily timetable structures whilst incorporating cleaning and hygiene routines. All preparations and planning are in order to keep children and our school staff safe.

I will be in touch again before the end of term but please be aware that all plans for September are subject to change if there is a further outbreak and we are forced into another Lockdown. Communication is key and I will endeavour to keep you fully informed.

At the beginning of the new school year (Monday 7th September) we have timetabled Meet & Greet days where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and new class team, share your experiences of Lockdown and the impact it has had on you and your family. This could be during a Home Visit or at a meeting. These will prove to be essential conversations to enable us to meet the needs of your child and continue to provide a supportive, personalised and therapeutic provision in which they thrive.



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I hope you appreciate the complexities of this situation and recognise just how hard my team have worked throughout Lockdown (including through the holidays) providing online learning opportunities, sending home creative resources and workbooks, making wellbeing calls, providing Outreach sessions, delivering live Zoom lessons as well as catering for our Bubbles of children onsite.

It has been a demanding, challenging, enlightening time for many and I do believe that we will be a stronger school community because of it. Please continue to stay safe and know that we look forward to a time when our school is full again.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Butcher
Headteacher

