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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Welcoming you back

I just wanted to update you before next week's return, with how our preparations for re-opening are going and to reassure you about how hard all leaders, staff and governors are working to make Yorkley Primary as safe as possible for everyone.

The virus has not gone away and therefore it is still vital that we do whatever we can to minimize the risk factors in school. To support this, a new draft risk assessment has been written and is available to read on the school website.

In addition to the risk assessment, staff are in school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, ensuring health and safety, safeguarding and that the school building remains fit for purpose. Bubbles will remain in place for children and staff, although these will be larger than those during partial re-opening. We will continue to promote social distancing in and around school. Stationery has been purchased to ensure all pupils will have their own personal equipment to use in school, which will limit the need for anything to be brought in from home and will prohibit the need to share equipment.

I am very pleased to tell you that we have also employed two new cleaners from Glen Cleaning, who will continually disinfect touch points, such as door handles, taps and light switches as well as toilets, to minimize any cross infections. There are also cleaning stations in every room so cleaning products can be accessed throughout the day by any member of staff.

Transition back into school is of paramount importance for all. School will do everything we can to help your child's transition. For some children we know this will be easy, yet for some this will be tricky - as staff, we are very aware of this.

Because of this, we have been thinking about how to adapt our current curriculum, so using some guidance from a researcher of education, our 'recovery programme' interlinks within our own curriculum but will insure we support your child in four key areas:

- Supporting me to build positive relationships with others
- Supporting me to manage my feelings and behaviour
- Supporting me to enjoy and achieve
- Supporting my physical health and wellbeing

Children do adapt very well, and Yorkley staff are very skilled at ensuring gaps in learning are closed and children feel confident. Further information on this will follow once staff have finalised it next week.

I hope you continue to enjoy these last few days with your families and friends. We can't wait to welcome everyone back next Thursday and meet new children/families joining our school for the first time.

Yours sincerely,

*K. Burke*

Mrs K. Burke  
Head Teacher

