3rd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, school is closed tomorrow, Monday 4th January, for a training day. I appreciate this must be frustrating for you, especially as we had an additional day of training on the final day of Autumn term. However, I am pleased to say that all schools in Doncaster, including Lakeside Primary, will be open to all pupils from Tuesday 5th January and we are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back on that day.

I have attached the letter from Doncaster Council that sets out the reasons why they believe that it is safe for pupils to return to school in Doncaster. I am very reassured by the evidence in this letter that it is, indeed, safe for children to return to school. At the moment transmission rates of the virus in Doncaster are half of the rate in November. However, we all know the situation could change and I am confident that Director of Public Health in Doncaster, Doncaster Council and school leaders will be keeping a vigilant eye on how the situation progresses moving forward. I am equally confident that the right decisions will be made, in terms of schools, if the situation in Doncaster once again becomes critical.

In the meantime, I want to reassure you that school is safe and that all the strict health and safety measures and risk assessments that we already have in place in school will continue.

May I also remind parents and carers to follow the rules on school premises:

* Please wear a face covering at all times on the school grounds and near to school.
* Maintain strict social distancing.
* Please allow your children to line up on their own in the designated areas and ensure that you keep your distance from them and other parents.
* Please leave the school grounds, following the one way system, as soon as your child has entered school or been collected.

Thank you as always for your support and co-operation.

See you on Tuesday.

Kind regards

Mr J Bullock

Head teacher