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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and enjoying the greater freedoms we have been given.

As you will be aware, the government published new guidance for schools yesterday to support us to plan to open for all pupils from September. We are excited to be able to look forward to having everyone back - school isn't a school without the children!

The media have picked up on some points from the guidance but this is obviously very selective and headline grabbing but the guidance goes much deeper. Along with other schools and the Local Authority, we are now in the process of unpicking and clarifying what the guidance means on a day to day basis and how it can be adapted to meet the needs of our school. I am sure that you will have many questions about what will happen in September and will appreciate that, at the moment, we do not have all the answers. I will continue to keep you updated for the remainder of this term and before children return to school in September.

The Local Authority programme of summer events for children 'The Great Doncaster Staycation' will be launched on the 13th July. My understanding is that this will be a mix of virtual and "real" sessions for children.

There has been speculation recently about an increase in covid cases in Doncaster. Dr Rupert Suckling, the Director of Public Health in Doncaster has made a statement to allay any worries for the Doncaster community. Dr Suckling states:

- *"There has been much speculation about an impending lockdown for Doncaster. This is not the case. If a lockdown was to be implemented, then as Director of Public Health, I would only consider such a measure if the rate was 70 infections per 100,000 and we are nowhere near that figure. These figures are updated on a weekly basis and I will be monitoring them and advising accordingly."*
- *"The advice to wash your hands, keep your distance and follow guidance is still important and even more so as we head into this weekend when pubs, bars and restaurants can reopen. Please stay safe, plan ahead and take the necessary precautions."*

The full statement can be found at: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/News/latest-announcement-from-the-director-of-public-health-in-doncaster>

As always, keep yourself and your family safe and well.

Regards,

Mrs Jenkinson (Headteacher)

