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Dear Parent / Carer,

At the end of this half term, I wanted to write and thank you for your continued support in the safe return of your child to school. Overall school attendance has been exceptionally strong and is now at a similar level to last year. I have been delighted to see your children back in school, enjoying their lessons, socialising with friends in their bubbles and working closely with the staff in their bubbles again.

The children are still enjoying a full curriculum and we are hoping to get the swimming pool up and running as soon after half-term as possible. Lots of exciting learning has been happening in school since September, and I can't wait until you are all able to come back in and join us!

Due to the current pandemic situation, I realise some of you are anxious which is understandable. Please rest assured that we are doing everything to keep your children and staff safe by complying fully with the government directions. In trying to reassure you, I have listed a few facts below which hopefully help you feel that your child is safe at school

- Not a single child has been tested positive for COVID-19 in our school since March 2020
- The school Caretaker is on site during the day, ensuring regular cleaning of surfaces, door handles, toilets etc.
- All children and staff are keeping to their bubbles at all times, including on transport.
- No visitors are allowed into school, unless essential.

We will keep up with these stringent measures, until we are advised not to.

On another note, you may remember that in early 2020, Doncaster Council were looking for opinions from parents, families, school staff and other groups on whether schools in Doncaster should look to keep the existing holiday pattern, or whether to opt one of a number of alternative options based on feedback they had received about how holiday patterns work best for everyone. Following this consultation, they received over 7,000 responses with a clear preferred choice amongst them to change the existing school holiday pattern. The Nexus Trust Board of Trustees have agreed to follow the Doncaster Council School Holiday pattern so this means that, from September 2021, a new school holiday pattern will come into effect for Coppice School. More information about this, please visit the Doncaster Council website

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/school-holidays-and-term-dates>.

From September 2021 our new school holiday pattern for 2021/22 have a fixed Easter break (this will be known as Early Summer break) with a two-week October half term and a five-week summer holiday, breaking up a week later than usual in July. With this, we will introduce the following dates for school closures: • October half term - 2 weeks • Christmas break - 2 weeks • February half term - 1 week • Easter/Early Summer break - 2 weeks - this would always fall in the first full two weeks of April regardless of where the Easter holiday falls) • May half term - 1 week • Summer break - 5 weeks – school will break up a week later than usual in July. We will inform



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parents of the dates for the Teacher Training Days over 2021/22 when they have been agreed. Please note that this change DOES NOT affect the next school year; our holiday pattern and training days for 2020/21 have been set and are on the school website. If you would like a paper copy of the holiday pattern, please contact school.

During the half term holidays, I hope everyone has a well-earned rest and that your children return to school fit and healthy.

I sincerely hope that we will all be able to meet together again soon. In the meantime, thank you all again for your support, take care, keep in touch, and Stay Safe.

Kindest Regards

Linda x

Linda Allison

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