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Dear parents /carers,

I hope you have all had a relaxing break and managed to enjoy Christmas with your loved ones.

As you will be aware, there has been great debate and coverage around whether schools should return in full on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, with the government making another U-turn during the last few days. This is partially as a result of Unions supporting their members by asking the government to follow the recommendations of SAGE; this includes closing all schools and moving to home learning for the first two weeks of the term.

I just wanted to update you regarding our plans. At this present time, as advised by Leeds City Council, we are following the government directive to open as planned on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The government have said they expect children to return to primary school to start the new term (Unless in a stipulated area).. Therefore, Kidz Club and school will be open, following the same timings and arrangements that we had in place before the Christmas break.

We will have all of the safety measures in place that we successfully used last term and will once again need your support to help to reduce any possible risk of transmission. Please follow the same procedures including:

- PLEASE DO NOT send your child to school if they have any of the three main COVID symptoms. ***If you have any doubt***, please book a test immediately and await results before returning to school.
  - A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
  - A new continuous cough or
  - A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell.
- Please follow the 1 way system at all times please.
- Please try to ensure only 1 family member enters the school site to drop off or collect children in order to reduce unnecessary risks.
- If you are outside, within 1 metre of another parent for 1 minute (with or without a mask), you would be classed as a close contact if they were to have the virus. People are contagious from 2 days before they even have any symptoms. This would mean you would have to isolate for 10 days if Test and Trace had to track close contacts. Please try to maintain 2m+.
- If you have a positive result, please email us immediately at [admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk) with the subject named as POSITIVE TEST. Please include a copy of the confirmation so we can review any action that may need taking in order to keep people safe.
- Please email the results, even if it is a household member, before bringing your child back to school.
- If your child has to isolate, they must stay at home. If they have siblings that need dropping off and you have no-one who can support you with this, please contact the school office and we will work with you to find a solution.
- Please keep the paths outside of the school clear; please do not stop to have conversations.

We will keep you updated of any changes as they occur, although it is important to note that we will find things out at the same time as you will, via the government announcements.

We recognise how difficult this time continues to be for everyone, but our strength is the way we have worked together and we will continue to do so in 2021.

As things currently stand, we look forward to welcoming your children back in school tomorrow.

Leila Rothenburg  
Headteacher

