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Dear Parents/Carers

We wish you all a very Happy New Year. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the families whose children are due to start in Foundation 1 (Nursery). If you have any questions please ask myself or a member of staff.

COVID

As you will have seen in the press and on television there has been much discussion about whether or not primary schools should re-open. At Hallcroft we are lucky to have a dedicated and healthy staff team and we are able to continue to open school in line with Local Authority expectations. Case rates locally are currently 234 per 100,000, at the beginning of November they were 482 per 100,000 so on a local basis we are currently safer than we were back in November... obviously my crystal ball cannot predict what happens next!

To help us be as safe as possible please wear a mask while you do drop offs and pick-ups at school, staff will also do this at these times. Children do not need to wear a mask and please do not let them bring masks into school. Please respect the rules of not mixing at drop offs and pick-ups - we ask that all adults walk at least 2m apart and keep your own child/children next to you (do not let them play on the play equipment - this is allocated to one bubble each week). Please note the yellow hatchings outside the classroom doors and do not enter these areas.

On a positive note we had a really successful (no positive cases in school) term last year and hopefully if we all follow the rules in school and at home we can keep our rates lower and protect our community.

CRITICAL WORKERS

If at any point in the coming weeks we do have to "close" I would like to reassure parents who are critical workers that we will be able to have your children in school. We will do their home learning with them and support you to be able to go to work.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS, FREE MILK, FREE TRIPS

If your circumstances have changed recently and you think you may be entitled to these extra benefits please call 0300 500 8080. I know all children get free meals but if you are entitled and do register then school gets an extra £1,300 to support your child and we can then use this money to pay for your child to have free milk, a set of uniform and free trips. The deadline for registering is Monday 18th January. If you would like any support with this pop in and see Mrs Cook.

UNIFORM

Please remember, wherever possible, to send your child to school in the correct uniform black shoes, grey trousers, skirts or pinafores, and red jumpers or cardigans. No jewellery should be worn except a sensible watch or small stud earrings. The children look so smart when they are all in uniform and I appreciate your help with this. Could you also please ensure your child's uniform is clearly named.



Black school shoes are part of our school uniform for smartness and safety reasons. I realise money is tight in this 'post-Christmas' period but I would be very grateful if you could ensure your child is wearing black school shoes (fitted smart black boots are acceptable when weather is bad). If you need any support with supplying uniform please contact the office we have lots of spares.

GYMNASTICS OPPORTUNITIES

This term Rowan and Willow classes will have a series of lessons and (hopefully) a visit to Retford Gymnastics Club (Torworth). Oak Class will be able to go to after school gym club.

MRS COOK'S DINNER CHALLENGE

School receives additional funding according to the uptake of school meals on specific days of the year therefore all children will be offered a school dinner on Thursday 21stth January. You can send in a packed lunch if you feel that your child won't eat the dinner.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 5 th January	Gymnastics Lessons & Gym Club
Wednesday 6 th January	1 st Sports Club (Year 2)
Thursday 7 th January	1 st Doncaster Rovers Ball Games Club (Year 1)
W/C 1 st February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 12 th February	Break-up for half term
Monday 22 nd February	First day back at school
Thursday 1 st April	Break-up for Easter Holidays
Monday 19 th April	First day back at school after holidays

As you are already aware I am keen for school and families to work closely together, especially in these difficult times. The teachers and myself are always available, please contact us by e-mail or telephone if you have any queries.

Jo Cook

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Head Teacher