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Dear Parents/Carers

CHILDREN LEARNING AT HOME

Thank you to those of you who are doing home learning and have completed our survey. We were really pleased to see that 100% of you felt that you did not need further support with home learning. We were also pleased to note that you and your children are finding the "workbooks" accessible and easy to use. These came about because you told us in the last lockdown that paper based tasks would be helpful.

There were a couple of suggestions - one person asked for more teams sessions so we will ensure that there are two per week as a minimum. There was also a request for more well-being resources - on our website in the Help Your Child at Home section there are links to Take 5 which is a breathing programme for relaxation, Cosmic Yoga which is intended to reduce stress and there are links to Sports England which provides activities to support physical and mental health. If anyone is concerned about their child's mental health please speak to your child's class teacher who can access wider support if required.

CRITICAL WORKER/VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

School staff are now able to take tests twice a week with a view to helping to reduce asymptomatic transmission. We still need your support and vigilance with your families - please keep children with symptoms at home and ensure you get an official PCR test if they have symptoms - 111 will direct you to the nearest available testing centre.

I LOVE YOU WEEK!!

As some of you will know we would usually have an event in school for families to celebrate their love on Valentine's Day. As we can't do this we are going to send home/deliver a "Share the Love" pack from Team Hallcroft! Hopefully you will be able to enjoy making roses with playdough and completing the pack of activities over half term. These are designed to be fun and are not compulsory!

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

During half term the Edenred vouchers will stop. School (funded by Notts Covid Winter Fund) will issue Morrison's vouchers - £15 for children in Oak, Willow and Rowan and £10 for pupils in nursery. After half term Edenred will restart but there may be a slight delay as we are not allowed to order in advance ready for the first Monday after half term!

SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE - PLEASE ASK

I would never want to cause offence by offering support where it isn't wanted but the community and our school staff are keen to support everyone at this difficult time, so please be aware that the following support is available and please don't be afraid to ask, just ring school.

- Books, paper, pencils, crayons etc for children to use for home learning
- If you are suffering from financial hardship (but are not entitled to FSM) you may be able to get a supermarket voucher from the Covid Winter Fund. Speak to Mrs Cook
- We have access to family food bags - please contact us if you need one
- We have Vodafone SIM cards with free data - please ask if you would like one
- We have access to family support for behaviour management etc - please ask
- We have access to adult mental health services - please ask

If you need different support to the above please contact myself, you are not on your own.

DIARY DATES

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 know I also have to wait for Boris to tell me what to do but hopefully we will see all the children back in school from 8th March onwards. I really do have my fingers crossed!

Kind regards

Jo Cook

Jo Cook
Head Teacher