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Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to write with some reflections on this academic year. Like many schools, we have had a number of Covid cases involving children and staff. At its worst, up to 25% of staff were absent, but classes always stayed open and you will have noticed very little disruption. I am grateful to Hollin staff, for the determination and resilience they have shown.

Aside from Covid, your children continue to amaze. They continue to work hard in their lessons are trying hard to catch up for lost learning time.

As a school, we are proud of their achievements

- Children throughout the school continue to participate in extra-curricular sports, winning lots of competitions and tournaments.
- We have welcomed more visitors into school and your children have experienced more visits. The Year 6 Robinwood residential returned.
- Our choir continue to display their talents by performing well.
- The newly established ECO club has had a positive impact and have the Reading Ambassadors and Digital Leaders.
- Through Wellbeing Warriors and the help of the Mental Health Support Teams, the wellbeing of your children continues to be a priority.

And now a few points about next academic year.

Arrival and Collection

Each morning, the school gates will open at 8:50am. If you are entering the playground, your children are still under your supervision until the classroom doors open. Although tempting, children should not play on the equipment...these are only to be used in school time under the supervision of school staff. School gates will be closed at 9:10am and any children arriving after this point will need to report to the school office. Each afternoon, the school gates will open for parents at 3:10pm. School finishes at 3:20pm. Children in Nursery and Reception will enter school and be collected via the Early Years gate at the front of school.





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Attendance

We will reintroduce attendance rewards.

The details of the first will be communicated in the autumn term.

Break time

Children in Year 3 to Year 6 can spend up to 20p a day on healthy snacks.

Birthdays

It has become custom for many parents to ask if their child can share sweets/chocolates with the class as a celebration of their child's birthday. We have reviewed this and after careful consideration, we politely request that from September, birthday treats are no longer brought into school, for the reasons set out below:

- This conflicts with the healthy eating message we are promoting to the children and takes choice away from families who would rather their child didn't eat sugary snacks.
- Disruption at the end of the day, this is a key time for teachers to safely release their pupils to parents and carers.
- To avoid any sense of expectation for children or families that they should bring in 'birthday treats'

We do not intend to cause any upset. When we make any decision in school, we always take account of what we feel is right for our children, staff and families.

Communication with Parents and Carers

We value the opportunity to communicate with parents, and the school community, and do so in the following ways:

LETTER – Most letters are sent electronically by email. They are also be posted on the school website, shared on Twitter and sent via text message.

TEXT MESSAGE – We send regular texts to parents to remind you about various school events, so please ensure your contact details are up-to-date.

WEBSITE Please check the school website for regular updates.

www.hollin.rochdale.sch.uk

Each class updates their web page each half term. It contains important information about what's going on in your child's class.

TAPESTRY – For Early Years children showcasing learning experiences across Nursery and Reception

TWITTER – Lots of the fabulous things that go on in school each and every day are shown on our school Twitter page. Please follow us, we are

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Lunches

Payment for school lunches need to be paid on a Monday, Tuesday at the latest. The vast majority of parents pay on time, thank you. Where payments are not made in a timely manner, parents will be asked to provide a packed lunch instead as the management company (GFM) who provide our catering services, require immediate payment.

From September, the costs will be £2.25 a day which is £12.25 a week.

Staffing

The staffing list has already been shared with all parents and carers.

You may have noticed that Mrs Hewitt and Miss Poole's name were omitted.

That's because they are expected to leave Hollin to pursue teacher training.

Children will visit their new class on Tuesday 5th July.

Uniform and Footwear

We expect all children to wear our school uniform with pride and we value the support we receive from parents.

Our school uniform is as follows:

- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan.
- Yellow polo shirt.
- Grey trousers or skirt (dresses are acceptable in the summer). It would help us greatly if, before the start of the term, you could add your child's name to all items of clothing.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in footwear that conforms to the school uniform policy, which states black footwear. As children run around lots at school, and use trainers for P.E, we can understand that shoes can sometimes rub, and be uncomfortable. Trainers can be worn, but please ensure they are black.



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Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 5th July

Transition Day (all children to visit their new class)
Year 6 children will be visiting their chosen high school for the day and should have received a letter about this.

Tuesday 12th July

Author visit for Year 5 (Ben Davis)

Wednesday 13th July

Author visit for Year 3 and 4 (Grandad Wheels)

Friday 15th July

Annual reports to be sent home

Wednesday 20th July

2pm Year 6 performance for Year 6 parents

Thursday 21st July

2pm Year 6 performance for Year 6 parents
6pm leavers' event for Year 6 children

Friday 22nd July

School closes for the summer holiday
Hollin Fest for all children (non-uniform day)

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr David Fenton
Headteacher