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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you again for working so well with us in these very difficult and challenging times. As you will now know Foxwood is now only mainly open to children and young people who are the children of key workers. At the moment, local schools are taking the children of families where just one parent is a key worker. We understand this but could soon move to a situation where we can only take children of parents where BOTH parents are critical key workers.

This is not an easy decision and is of course not taken easily. We have a number of staff in today who are putting themselves and their families at risk of catching and spreading the virus. I am trying to keep staffing to a minimum and seem to be managing at the moment. I am also very aware of our transport colleagues who are collecting our children.

Many of our children crave routine and have complex difficulties which will be difficult to manage at home. Please understand that we can be and are at the end of the telephone to help with advice and support if you need. My personal advice is to do what you can to stay happy, safe and healthy. Please do not stress about completing academic work at home. Many of our children and young adults struggle to understand the complex relationships between school and home and if children are becoming challenging I suggest you try a different approach. It may seem vital to complete school work now but our children are young and will all bounce back from this, they are more resilient than we often give them credit for.

The staff here are working really hard to provide work for children and have been amazing. Today we have released a number of small tips and videos on our Facebook page to help get through the week. I'm keen that staff put messages on the platform so that your children can see some familiar faces, please feel free to send us some videos to post. Peer groups are essential for children with SEN and so we need to do what we can to keep them functioning.

We have an emergency safeguarding contact number which is 07468 692386. More information is available on the school website. The numbers below can be useful:

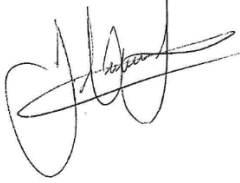
Mash Team (Notts County Council):	0300 5008292
Mash Team (Out of Hours Emergency):	0300 4564546
Children & Families Direct (Nottingham City):	0115 8764800
Children's Social Care (Derby & Derbyshire):	01332 641172/01332 642376
NSPCC (Free Helpline):	0808 8005000

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With that, I would like to send you all my very best wishes for the next few weeks. I will keep you updated through Facebook and we love to read your responses and hear how your children are doing – please keep adding them.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JH', with a large loop at the start and a horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James Hutchinson
Headteacher