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Dear Parent/Carers

Thank you for your patience over the last two weeks. As we all know this is very stressful and challenging for all of us.

Unfortunately, we are no closer to concrete information as to when we can reopen. We are running a skeleton service over the Easter break for 999/emergency NHS staff only but obviously, I am very mindful of our own staff and their need to isolate. Some of our staff have been in twice a day, every day, are on call over the weekends and will be expected to work over the break. I'm proud to work with these colleagues and we are very lucky to have them.

Now would be a good time to reiterate my comments on your excellent efforts to complete the home learning that has been sent to you. We won't be setting work over the holidays but will send new work on Monday the 20th April when we would have returned from the end of term break. Please do not worry if you are finding it hard to get through all of the work, our children are very resilient and I promise you they will catch up - the curriculum is on pause and anything you can do is a bonus. Lots of play, lots of fresh air, lots of family time and lots of love will get us through.

Contacting parents and carers is really important to us as we need to know that you are all safe and well. We are keen to help you and your sons/daughters if you're struggling for any reason and so we have started phoning families this week. Sometimes parents/carers have asked for help and sometimes it has been just to chat to you and your children/young people. We are doing this with all of our families so please do not worry if one of us calls or emails. Many of us are working at home and are using our personal phones. If we contact you this way, you may see 'No caller ID' when it rings. Please do not be put off by this; we are just following safeguarding guidelines.

We hold details about where you live and how to contact you. They are kept in a very secure system which only Foxwood staff can access. During this very different time, it is really important all those details are accurate. For that reason, could you please let us know if anything has changed, for example if you have a new phone number or you are living in a different house either permanently or temporarily.

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Many of our young people enjoy being online. There are so many great benefits. However, there are also some safety issues around being online which can be difficult for parents and carers to deal with. Recent guidelines have advised us to ask you to pay special attention to what young people are being asked to do online and to monitor their activities at all times. If you have any worries about this, please do contact us for advice.

With that, I wish you a very safe and restful Easter break and we look forward to something different In the Summer term.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hutchinson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Hutchinson - Headteacher