2nd February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well and are continuing to cope with the ongoing lockdown conditions. You may have seen in the press that the aim is for schools to reopen from the 8th March 2021, which is good news. We are hoping that special school staff will be included in the vaccination programme soon and are keeping our fingers crossed. We recognise that the restrictions can put additional stress and strain on families, so if you do need to talk to someone confidentially please contact school and we can try to help.

We continue to test all staff twice a week using the lateral flow tests and staff have been incredibly understanding, flexible and resilient to the difficult conditions we are under. I thank you for your positive comments and understanding; at times it can feel that we are learning our way through this together. We receive government updates each day and crucial advice from our Academy networks. Although we have risk assessments and procedures in place the virus did hit us in November and it may well come again. If this does happen we will be quick to close bubbles and provide support and learning to the home.

Please remember that Foxwood will be closed on the **8th February 2021** for a combination of staff training and additional cleaning. We are moderating our curriculum, introducing our new medical tracking system to staff, receiving first aid training and will be steam cleaning certain areas and resources.

The medical tracker is a digital system that allows us to record any medication given in school and keep together care plans, seizure plans or any medical details that might be needed in an emergency. It is simple for us to migrate any data internally but if an ambulance was ever called or we needed to provide information for urgent medical care then we would need your permission to share your child’s data.

If you click on the link below, it will ask you to give us this permission:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LQ5wYfp4v0-hlFtfPeRjS9CyDzC3vU1AqNfd4fUoAMFUNkZCR1dFMVJVOUNLU1c2MFQySjlCNlc5Ny4u>

If you would like more information, please contact us at school or speak with your child’s class teacher/tutor.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable week.

**James Hutchinson - Headteacher**