

20th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the summer term.

I wanted to write to you before the Easter break with an update from our recent Ofsted inspection but it took them longer than I expected to make public, so I needed to wait – apologies if you were hoping for a letter at the end of term.

Firstly, I would like to thank the staff and children for their input during the two days. Ofsted have been in the news quite recently and although the inspection process can cause a lot of pressure, it does hold us accountable for the education and schooling that we provide at Foxwood. The body thoroughly review our processes and provide feedback directly to me and the Trustees at the Academy. You can read the full report here:

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We had a very positive experience and were very pleased with the outcome. Thank you to those who completed parent/carers surveys and those that took the time to leave messages for the inspectors. We are proud that the team recognised that we go above and beyond at Foxwood

“Pupils enjoy attending Foxwood Academy. They feel happy and safe. Their favourite things include their teachers, their lessons and their friends. Pupils behave well”

It is a tough process; we enjoy the scrutiny but we are glad we can now focus on the next steps for Foxwood.

Some of you may have read in local media that Foxwood Academy is in the process of merging with the White Hills Park Academy Trust. The National and Local Schools Board has approved the merger and we are now negotiating with WHP Trust what this merger might look like and how we move forward. Part of the merger involves the development of the old Bramcote Park site and the building of a new extended Foxwood Special School. Much of this is still in the planning phase and so as information becomes available, I'll make sure that you, as parents and carers have this information. As I've said before, if you have any questions, please contact me at school.

The new library, office spaces and intervention room building is now close to completion. We hope to have a handover date in mid-May and will invite parents and carers over to have a good look and familiarise yourself with the building if you wish. We are excited to create more space for our children and young people but also create an environment that is calming, purposeful and will have an impact on our children's outcomes.

Easter is always a time that represents new growth, we feel here at Foxwood that this spring certainly has been one of the most important seasons that we have ever been through. We look forward to working with all children, staff and parents/carers and are glad we have you with us.

All we need now is some sunshine!



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