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Dear Parents/Carers,

Foxwood Half-Term Update – October 2025

We've reached the end of a busy first half term, and I want to thank you for your continued support as our children and young people settle into school life. It's been lovely to see how well our new pupils have begun to find their feet — and how many of them already feel that Foxwood is their home. I hope that our new parents and carers are beginning to feel the same.

Each class has a dedicated team, led by the class teacher and supported by teaching assistants, who work closely with their phase leader — Liam Smith (Primary), Nikki Glover (Key Stage 3) and Susan Porter (14–19). We always encourage communication, so please don't hesitate to contact your child's class team if you need anything or have a worry.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead team, managed by Nikki Glover, continues to oversee safeguarding across the school. Matt Robertson leads on behaviour, Susan Porter acts as our therapy link, supporting pupils who access Local Authority-commissioned therapeutic services, and Lindsey Norton oversees curriculum development across the Academy. Lindsey is also the Academy Deputy Headteacher.

We're supported by a strong and experienced governing body, who will be writing to introduce themselves shortly. Their partnership and challenge are key in helping us maintain high standards at Foxwood.

Cyber Security Training for Parents and Carers
We're pleased to share details of a free online webinar hosted by Nottinghamshire Police and the East Midlands Special Operations Unit. It's open to parents, carers, and school staff, and covers how to protect yourself and your child online — including privacy settings and parental controls.
Delivered via Microsoft Teams (Virtual Event), it's a great way to strengthen home-school understanding around online safety

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e3f75bf3-e7a3-4dc7-8515-e2227de5cb46@6e5a37bb-a961-4e4f-baae-2798a2245f30

Nottinghamshire Family Hubs
The Nottinghamshire Family Hub Network provides support for families on all aspects of life — from health and wellbeing to family relationships. A short video (just over a minute long) explaining what the hubs offer can be viewed here:
👉 Nottinghamshire Family Hub Network – YouTube
Our thanks to Sam Mensah, White Hills Park Trust Safeguarding Lead, for sharing this information.

Communication
As always, good communication is key.

- Use the home-to-school diaries for quick updates.
- Class Dojo is used for some of our younger classes.
- Half-termly Sway updates from Phase Leaders provide broader news.

If you'd like more personalised contact, please speak to your child's class teacher.
We've also made it easier to find information on our website — the school calendar is now right at the top of the homepage for quick access to term dates and key events. Please share information and celebrations with us so that we can update our family of followers on our Facebook page.

New School Building Update
Progress on the new building is going well. This half term, architects and builders met with staff teams, and fittings specialists have worked with subject leaders to finalise designs and resources. The plans are due to be formally submitted during the half-term break (all being well), and we'll be waiting with fingers crossed for the next stage.

Finally
School will be partially open over the holidays to allow work on upgrading the primary playground equipment. Staff will still be able to access emails during the break, and our safeguarding and emergency contact numbers remain available on the website.

Thank you once again for your support this term. Have a restful half-term break — we'll see everyone back in November, ready for another busy and exciting half term ahead.

Your sincerely,



James Hutchinson
Headteacher