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Hospital and Home Education  
Learning Centre

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**To Parents/Carers of Pupils at Seely Primary and Nursery School**

***Dear Parent/Carer***

**Re: Transfer of Fairmead Education Service to Sherwood Children's Centre**

You will have received a letter from Nick Lee, Director of Education Services for Nottingham City Council, explaining that the City Council is proposing to transfer the provision of education for a small group of students from the current base at Thorneywood to Sherwood Children's Centre.

The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself as the Head Teacher of the Hospital and Home Education Learning Centre and to provide you with further information about the provision. Also to reassure you that the arrangements we will put into place, on a day to day basis, will mean that there is no direct impact on the primary pupils at Seely.

Briefly, the Hospital and Home Education Learning Centre (HHELC) provides education for children and young people who are not able to attend their main school due to illness or anxiety. We have three bases: the Children's Hospital School at the Queen's Medical Centre; The Lookout Education Centre at Hopewood in Woodthorpe and the Fairmead Education Base currently at Thorneywood.

At Fairmead, we provide education for a small group of both primary and secondary aged pupils and students. Our pupils and students are not children and young people who have been excluded from school because of poor behaviour. Because of illness or anxiety they have received home tuition and the Fairmead Education Base provides an interim step with the aim of reintegrating them back to mainstream school.

As Mr Lee explained in his letter the current base for Fairmead is closing and the City Council have identified Sherwood Children's Centre as a suitable alternative location for a number of reasons.

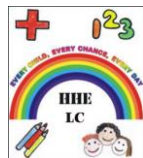
We are very keen to ensure good relations with Seely Primary School and its community which I visited before Christmas. I met with Mrs Pearce and Mrs Newton who provided me with information about the school and also questioned me about HHELC! Having been a primary Head Teacher myself for many years I fully understand that there may be concerns about the proximity of the two schools and I was able to confirm that starting and leaving times for our pupils will be different to Seely's and that the Fairmead Base will be entirely separate from the school.

All of the HHELC staff and pupils are looking forward to moving to our new school at the Sherwood Children's Centre and it is likely that we will move around February half term. If you have any questions either now or in the future please contact me on either of the telephone numbers listed above.

Yours sincerely

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