



Parents Letter to The Forum School during Covid-19

Dear Principal,

I hope you, your family and all at the school are keeping safe and well.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude and appreciation to you and all the staff at the school for their continuing and wonderful support, care, and patience with my son especially during these challenging and uncertain times. I am truly very grateful and thankful that the school, from an education and care perspective are continuing their support in the usual manner in the best interests of the residential students at the school (despite the extenuating circumstances) ensuring that my son along with the other residential students are not subject to any drastic change in routine, thereby ensuring some form of predictability and routine in their waking day curriculum and at the same time continuing to ensure that the children are mentally stimulated and not kept idle during the evenings and weekends despite not being able to take them out.

Whilst I have not seen my son in person since February, I have certainly gained tremendous comfort in the regular feedback and photographs from his school teacher, teaching assistants, key worker and care assistants at the school. Thanks to his teacher and his team of teaching assistants for continuing their regular school routine and teaching despite the current uncertain climate. The regular updates/feedback on the activities that my son has been engaged in during education and at the care home, and the photographs of him from the school (especially enjoying himself horse riding, swimming and engaging in class and in the gym) has provided me with great comfort and relief that he is coping very well, making progress and is happy despite the current environment of not being able to leave the school premises and not being able to see me in person.

Since the last time we spoke in early February, I am pleased to say that I have been receiving regular updates about my son and am able to see him regularly through video calls. I am glad to hear that the swimming pool re-opened in March and my son has certainly been enjoying his swimming sessions. Furthermore I am pleased to have received news and seen photographs of his successful horse riding sessions and am grateful for the increased sessions that have been introduced since March.

His keyworker is fantastic. She has been keeping me informed of how my son is doing in your care and has been providing me with weekend updates as well as keeping regular contact by email or phone to advise of ideas she has come up with to work alongside with my son especially during this current environment when he has not be able to leave the school. The keyworker just like the school teacher and staff are very prompt in responding to my emails. The communication with the care team has been excellent and allocation of the keyworker for my son has certainly proved to be a success.

Thank you very much for all your support and the excellent team work of your staff at the school which has truly proved to be a success. My compliments once again to you and all the staff at the school for the wonderful, exemplary and amazing support, care and patience you have given to my son. It is very much appreciated.