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Dear Parent and Carers

As you will have heard in the news, the latest advice from Government is that children who are vulnerable, including those who have EHC plans (Education, Health and Care) should be able to access schooling during this period of widespread school closure. As a special school, we are following this advice and will continue to do everything possible to cater for your child's education and welfare.

In the light of this guidance, I am writing to confirm that we will be keeping Sybil Elgar open for now and your child should continue to attend school as long as they and everyone at home is well, based on current guidance.

I want to reassure you that, amid all our concerns about Coronavirus (Covid-19), we have been working on plans to do everything that we can to ensure the continued education and support for your child, while managing strains on our staff and other resources because of the national situation. This means that normal school provision will change from what we would ideally deliver. Whatever changes we have to introduce, we will continue to prioritise the health and wellbeing of all of the children in our school.

Our staff teams are working together to establish activities and programmes of work for all our students in school. Should any child need to self-isolate at home, or in the event of the school having to close, we will be working with you to make sure that any work sent home is appropriate. We appreciate that not all of the children will respond well to homework, so we will work with you to manage that.

We will continue to update you as new guidance emerges from the Department of Education. In the meantime, I realise that you may well have questions, so please contact your child's teacher.

It is entirely your decision as a parent or carer whether to want to continue to send your child to school during this period. So we can plan properly, it's really important that we know which children are coming into school, so please also contact reception on 0208 813 9168 to let us know if your child is **not** coming into school. Many thanks again for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Chloe Phillips
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