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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of The Green Room Schools,

The Virtual Green Room School.

Following the government guidance published yesterday concerning pupils with EHCPs, which includes all of our pupils, we are adapting our approach to best keep our pupils safe.

The government has said:

“Those with an EHC plan should be risk-assessed by their school or college in consultation with the local authority (LA) and parents, to decide whether they need to continue to be offered a school or college place in order to meet their needs, or whether they can safely have their needs met at home. This could include, if necessary, carers therapists or clinicians visiting the home to provide any essential services. Many children and young people with EHC plans can safely remain at home.”

Although our in-school activities went well today, they do come with further associated risks to staff and pupils. We have risk assessed our pupils as we are required to and have decided they can remain safely at home. For the avoidance of doubt, it is clear the government is requesting that as many people as possible should be at home and **so we have decided that ‘in school’ activities will cease for everyone’s safety from today. There will be no “in school’ activities until further notice.**

We will still be open in two main ways.

1. A Virtual School - We are maintaining a full curriculum and using the range of options through our G-Suite to deliver lessons. In live meeting rooms and through set tasks. LSA's/Teachers are still available to support specific needs.

2. Pastoral Care - therapy sessions are still happening as they would have done, now online in audio only. All pupils also have a coach who is 'checking in with them' for basic needs and personal progress.

We appreciate that the situation may become more difficult as the isolation period continues. We will be continually monitoring the emotional wellbeing of the pupils during this time and do whatever we can to help.

In addition, there have been some questions from parents and carers about Free School Meal vouchers. We are awaiting further guidance from the government on the scheme they are putting in place. Rest assured, as soon as we have clarity we will adhere to their guidance to get our families what they are entitled to.

Thank you again for your support while we all adapt to these challenging times. Please do get in touch if you have questions or concerns.

With Best Wishes,

Joe Sparks & Richard Allen
Co-CEOs of The Green Room Foundation