



# Dame Ellen Pinsent School

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Head Teacher Ms Denise Fountain

Chair of Governors Mr Andy Punch

20 March 2020

Dear parent/ carer,

## Coronavirus Update and Care Provision

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing. The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.** That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Following the Government's announcement, Dame Ellen Pinsent School will close on Friday 20th March but we will open a facility to provide care for children of key workers and vulnerable children. As all of the children at Dame Ellen have EHCPs, they do all class as vulnerable. However, as we are currently operating on limited staff numbers, we are unable to open to all children at this stage.

For next week (week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020) we have identified the children that will be in most need of the service and therefore attending. Moving forward if you would like your child to access this facility we would request that you complete the attached form and return to school via the email: [enquiry@deps.ac](mailto:enquiry@deps.ac) If you need further support with this please call us on 0121 675 2487. Please return to us by 9.00am on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

If you require transport this will also be provided. Please indicate if you need this and we will pass the information onto Travel Assist who will coordinate the bus route your child will be on.

The care facility we will provide will operate from 9.10am – 3.10pm

Every child in school has now been provided with a pack of work that should be completed at home, during the closure. The work packs will also be available and updated on the class pages on the school website and this will be the main way that we communicate with you during the school closure. The school website is: [www.dameellenpinsent.bham.sch.uk](http://www.dameellenpinsent.bham.sch.uk)

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your overwhelming support. You have all been amazing and we are so very grateful.

We thank you for your patience at these unprecedented times.





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Many thanks,

Denise Fountain

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## Application for Care Facility at Dame Ellen Pinsent:

**Please return to us by 9.00am on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / carer occupations, please list both if applicable:

1 –

2 –

Parent contact details \_\_\_\_\_

Will your child require transport to and from Dame Ellen (please tick appropriate box)

Yes

No

Any additional information that you feel may support your application:

