



March 13, 2020

Dear SEC Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you that Home for Little Wanderers' **Southeast Campus Day School will be closing for a two-week period beginning Monday, March 16.** At this time, there are no presumptive or confirmed COVID-19 cases in our local community. However, despite Plymouth's current low-risk level, the situation continues to evolve, we want to do as much as we can to protect our SEC students and staff as well as the members of the many communities which we serve.

Our school and agency leadership has participated in conference calls and been in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health throughout the week. Following the announcement of a two-week closure of Plymouth Public School, we made the difficult decision to also close our school facilities. Our residential facilities will remain in service with limitations to campus traffic. Transportation companies have been notified and will not be picking up Day students for the next two weeks.

We understand the serious implications this action has on the students and families we serve. We have decided to close our classrooms out of an abundance of caution as our priority is the health and safety of our students, staff, and extended SEC community.

We understand the difficulty this decision will present for many, and I want to assure all in our SEC community of our commitment to provide for our students and their families. Our teaching staff is working diligently to create some online resources for our students. These include academic supports, fun activities, and the scheduled opportunities for students unable to attend school to contact and communicate with the SEC teachers, clinicians, and staff they know and trust. We will also be compiling some supply boxes of school and art materials to help families with a student at home for this unexpected period of time. Similarly, we will be providing food supplies to families of our students for which that is desirable. Further information with specific information on these plans will be shared on Monday.

As our residential facilities remain in service, we are limiting the traffic in and out of campus in the interest of health and safety. While further details on the function and availability of school staff via online resources will be made next week, we request that no visits to campus be made without first contacting us. My cell phone number is at the bottom of this letter. If you have a need to come to campus, or if there is anything you feel our school can do to further assist our students and their families, I encourage you to call me at any time. We at SEC are deeply committed to the community values we have been working so hard to teach and exemplify in our school this year, and it is in moments like this where the opportunities to live these values becomes truly manifest.

I'm including here a helpful resources for families shared with us by Plymouth Public Schools: [Talking to Children About COVID-19](#). We will share further resources as they become available.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S. Clark'.

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