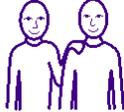


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Ref: CR/WH

9 November 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

We have just received the latest government guidance around staff and students with medical vulnerabilities. There are two points in the guidance that I need to bring to your attention:

- More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from COVID-19, even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow this advice. Speak to your GP or specialist clinician, if you have not already done so, to understand whether your child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.*

*Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend school while this advice is in place. Your school will make appropriate arrangements for you to be able to continue your education at home. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school. – If you feel your child is **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable** you should: speak to your child’s doctor and contact school immediately if they confirm that your child needs to stay off school and ‘shield’.*
- Adults with Down’s syndrome have now been added to the list of conditions that describe people classed as **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable**. – We have contacted the parents of our **over-18 students who have Down’s Syndrome and advised them that their ‘child’ should stay at home and follow shielding guidance until further notice.** We are waiting for further advice from the local authority about students with Down’s Syndrome, both those who are over 18 as well as those who also or have other vulnerabilities. We appreciate that this will make some parents understandably concerned, particularly if your child is over 18 or approaching 18 yrs old. If you would like to speak to someone about this, please phone school on the number below. **I would also urge you to contact your child’s doctor to check if they need to follow shielding advice and ask that you let us know as soon as possible if this is the case.***

For the full guidance, see: www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19

Yours sincerely,



Clive Rockliff