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Dear Parents and Carers,

The government has announced plans for educational settings as of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in respect of the new national restrictions.

You will have heard on the news that the government plan is for schools to continue to remain open for all children and young people, as they have been since the start of the autumn term, for the duration of the current national restrictions.

The updated guidance for clinically extremely vulnerable children is as follows:

*“More evidence has emerged that shows that there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from coronavirus (COVID-19), even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow original shielding advice. Parents should be advised to speak to their child’s GP or specialist clinician if they have not already done so, to understand whether their child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.*

*Those children whose doctors have confirmed that they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend education whilst the national restrictions are in place.*

*Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school.*

*Parents of clinically extremely vulnerable children will be receiving a letter shortly confirming this advice.”*

Please be assured that we will continue to follow, the already in place, COVID-19 procedures and to follow the Government Guidance for Schools. We will also keep you informed of any further developments.



Class teachers will be in contact with the parents/carers of any children who have been advised to stay at home by their doctor, to make appropriate arrangements to enable them to continue their education at home during this time.

If there are any ways in which we can help you at this difficult time please do contact us.

We hope that you and your family are safe and well.

Yours sincerely,



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