

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have just had confirmation from DfE that any children with an underlying medical condition **should be exercising social distancing and therefore not be in school**.

The underlying medical conditions as stated by the DfE are:

- chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as [asthma](#), [chronic obstructive pulmonary disease \(COPD\)](#), emphysema or [bronchitis](#)
- chronic heart disease, such as [heart failure](#)
- [chronic kidney disease](#)
- chronic liver disease, such as [hepatitis](#)
- chronic neurological conditions, such as [Parkinson's disease](#), [motor neurone disease](#), [multiple sclerosis \(MS\)](#), a learning disability or cerebral palsy
- [diabetes](#)
- problems with your spleen – for example, [sickle cell](#) disease or if you have had your spleen removed
- a weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as [HIV and AIDS](#), or medicines such as [steroid tablets](#) or [chemotherapy](#)
- being seriously overweight (a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or above) **99th centile for children**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Please be aware that no one will be penalised for non-attendance due to this advice or any other Coronavirus related symptoms.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school via phone or email if you require any further information. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but please understand that we are working hard to safeguard the health and well-being of our community in implementing this advice.

NB: Today all pupils attending school have taken home the exercise book and pencil needed to complete any home learning tasks that their teachers will issue in the event that we close. Please keep an eye on the news this evening but as it stands (right now) schools in England remain open.

Yours sincerely

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