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Latest Coronavirus (Covid 19) Guidance

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you will be aware that the Government's guidance on coronavirus (Covid 19) changed last night. The government has reviewed its' policy on social isolation, therefore parents need to consider if they want their children to continue to attend school who have a related medical condition. The box overleaf shows the different conditions that an individual should consider with regard to social isolation. If your child does not fall into one of those categories and is fit and well then they should continue to be in school.

If your child is unwell with unrelated symptoms then please follow normal absence procedures informing school and transport. If your child becomes unwell with Covid 19 symptoms, please inform school and transport and school will record the learner as being in isolation for 14 days as from that date.

Please note we are aware that 'learning disability' has a wide spectrum and we trust in parents to use their discretion at this time.

We understand that this change of advice will be very challenging for many of you, but this is national guidance that we are expected to follow.

The government has also changed its stance on who can attend school, where someone in your household has a continuous cough or a high temperature (above 37.8°). If your child or any member of your household has either of those symptoms then it is essential that you all self-isolate for 14 days, your child will not be able to attend school. If a child becomes ill at school with

any of the symptoms of Coronavirus then we will call NHS 111 for further advice and inform the parents of the next steps.

If you are 'shielding' your child please note that this includes staying with extended family or being out in the public areas.

Further guidance can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

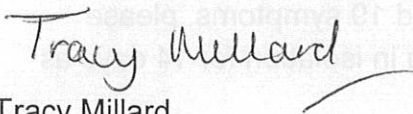
We are advising those who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19) to be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures.

This group includes those who are:

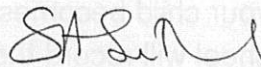
- aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions)
- under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (ie anyone instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds):
 - chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), 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)
- those who are pregnant

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the appropriate school if you need any further information.

Yours Sincerely,



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