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Dear Parents

As you are aware from Government guidance last night. Special schools are not closing. However if your child has been identified under the vulnerable group category and school has contacted you with regards to the Public Health guidance, we recommend that you consider the 12 weeks distancing strategy.

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 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 (i.e. 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



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This is a difficult time for school as we cannot predict staffing levels on a day to day basis. Therefore please be re-assured if Health and Safety is compromised at any point we would partially/fully close.

Please can I ask for students who have an identified physio programme, that these are implemented by yourselves at home as we cannot currently guarantee these are carried out in school.

Kind regards

*Tracy Millard*

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