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Dear Parents/Carers

In terms of government guidance schools are currently being advised that children are expected to return to school in September. The following documents cover specific guidance for those designated as extremely vulnerable:

<https://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>

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health issued this revised document at the end of July:

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-shielding-guidance-children-young-people#children-who-should-be-advised-to-shield>

Whilst information may be subject to further revision over time, the current advice from 'Guidance for Full Opening: Schools' updated 7 August 2020, states 'shielding advice for all adults and children will pause on 1 August, subject to a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that even the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding.' However, the guidance does go on to say 'some pupils no longer required to shield but who generally remain under the care of a specialist health professional, may need to discuss their care with their health professional before returning to school (usually at their next planned clinical appointment).'

If the health care professionals looking after your child confirms in writing that he/she should not attend school, then as a school we would support remote working and absence would not be penalised.

School is endeavouring to make sure that all young people and staff will be as safe as possible and a detailed risk assessment has been issued. In summary, some of our preventative measures against Covid-19 include:

- A requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- Pupils or staff showing possible symptoms of Covid during the school day will be isolated and sent home
- We will be limiting contact, so far as is reasonably practicable by:
 - Endeavouring to keep pupils within their own year group
 - Limiting the movement of pupils and the number of different classrooms used by year groups
 - Having staggered lunch breaks and different eating/break areas for year groups
 - Classrooms will be re-arranged with forward facing desks: adjustments will be made to practical lessons where desks are not used
 - Providing hand sanitising stations around the school
 - Encouraging the frequent washing of hands throughout the school day
 - Increasing the programme of cleaning of the school
 - Having set areas where each year group goes on arrival at school in the morning
 - Having one-way systems, where possible
 - Pupils using buses will board in their year groups
 - Pupils on buses are expected to use a face covering

- The school will follow government advice if a suspected case is confirmed as positive and we will actively engage with NHS Test and Trace

We are aware, however, that if rates of the disease rise in local areas children (or family members) from that area will be advised to shield during the period where rates remain high and therefore students may be temporarily absent.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Sanderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr J Sanderson
Principal