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Dear parents / carers

RE: Vulnerable health-risk children and Coronavirus

In light of recent events we would like to reassure you that we take the safety of your child(ren) very seriously. With this in mind, if your child has any underlying medical / health need (which has been confirmed by a doctor), that you feel puts them at risk of Coronavirus, then we are happy for them to be kept at home. This will not affect their attendance record.

The Government have issued advice on the groups who are at an increased risk:

- 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 BMI of 40 or above)

The full link to the information is below:

<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>

Can you please make sure that you inform your school via the usual attendance channels.

Yours sincerely

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