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Dear Parents/Carers,

Update on guidance for clinically extremely vulnerable individuals and actions

As you will be aware, on 31st October the Government announced new national restrictions to help control the spread of the virus that will apply from 5th November. I am writing to you to inform you of further guidance, for children who are clinically extremely vulnerable, that we have received from the Department of Education via Public Health England.

The advice is as follows:

"More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from coronavirus (COVID-19), even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow original shielding advice. Parents should be advised to speak to their child's GP or specialist clinician if they have not already done so, to understand whether their child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend education whilst the national restrictions are in place. Schools will need to make appropriate arrangements to enable them to continue their education at home."

The below link will take you to the location of this guidance for clinically extremely vulnerable children.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020#schools>

Therefore, if your child was classified as clinically, extremely vulnerable during the first national lockdown, we are asking that you do the following:

- Contact your GP or relevant consultant to determine whether your child is still clinically, extremely vulnerable.
- Keep your child at home until you have received this information.
- If your child is *still* classed as clinically, extremely vulnerable, keep them at home during the duration of this national restriction and access home learning via Google Classroom. You will need to provide written evidence from your GP or consultant, if this is the case.
- If your child is not still clinically, extremely vulnerable, they can return to school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Kind regards,

Zoe Newton

