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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school and I hope you all managed a break over the half term. Though we are now in a new period of National Lockdown, please be assured school is remaining open to all children in line with government guidance.

Late on Wednesday evening, we sent out the government's latest information around those who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV). I have managed to get some additional advice and if your child is in this category you will be receiving a letter. The information sent yesterday should be read in addition to this.

"Shielding letters were issued today to those who need to remain shielding and the guidance states that if anyone (parent/carers) feels unsure they should liaise with their GP or community paediatricians for confirmation.

... unless the child meets the vulnerable categories stated within the RCPCH, it is likely that shielding is not required to continue in any future or current lockdowns. The suggestion is, that parent/carers should make appointments with their GP to request advice on shielding, unless families that are concerned are able to contact their community paediatricians for a discussion."

If you are worried (medically) about your child please seek medical advice but school is open to all pupils. If your child is going to be given another shielding letter, we will continue to provide work and support from school. Some of our staff members also fall into this category as well and have been told to isolate for this lockdown period.

Extra precautions in school

As a school, we are vigilant with cleaning, hygiene and appropriate measures to ensure that our staff and pupils are as safe as possible. However, with the increase in Covid-19 cases in Nottinghamshire and across the country, all school staff now wear face coverings whilst walking around in school on their own. Staff are not wearing them while working with children in class, unless it involves a medical procedure, this is in line with guidance set by the Department for Education. With this in mind, we are now asking parents who walk their children into school, to wear face coverings if possible and adhere to strict social distancing measures of 2 metres from other families.

Thank you as ever for your continued support and understanding.

Best wishes
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