

10th November 2020

Re- updated guidance

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following discussions with the RKLt today, schools have been asked to communicate the following points to parents and carers:

Extra-curricular music lessons

Unfortunately, as from today, we can no longer invite peripatetic music teachers into school to deliver extra-curricular music or singing lessons. This is in compliance with the section in the updated guidance which instructs schools to limit the number of visitors coming into schools as this could increase the risk of transmission. Mr Kemp from Encore will be in touch with parents over the next few days to discuss alternatives such as remote lessons at home. I am sorry that we have to temporarily lose this valuable addition to our music curriculum, but we have to put the safety of pupils and staff above all else.

Pupils who are CV or CEV or who live with family members who are (CV) or (CEV)

The guidance (see below) makes it clear that parents of children who are extremely clinically vulnerable (as identified by a GP or medical specialist) should first seek medical advice to ascertain whether their child still has this classification and, if so, they should not attend school during the current restrictions.

Children who are CV or who live with family members who are also CV or CEV should attend school as normal. I can clearly see that this may be causing some anxiety in those families to whom this applies. I would like to reassure them that we continue to do all we can in terms of hygiene and social distancing to minimise risk and our latest, updated risk assessment will be available on the school website by the end of today. I am more than happy to discuss any concerns which parents may have around this particular issue.

Kind regards,

Tim Broad
Headteacher

From Updated Guidance

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. (continues below)



Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education. Parents of clinically extremely vulnerable children will be receiving a letter shortly confirming this advice.

