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Dear Parents / Carers,

Today, we have received information on what the new national restrictions mean for education and childcare settings.

We will provide further information later in the week explaining all the additional measures which will be in place in schools from Monday of next week but wanted to update parents and carers of the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people.

The guidance sets out that:

- *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.*
- *Parents of clinically extremely vulnerable children will be receiving a letter shortly confirming this advice.*

We understand that parents and carers of students who were previously shielding may not have yet received the letter or discussed this second lockdown with their child's health specialist. If your child is considered clinically extremely vulnerable they should not attend education from tomorrow.

We will update those students and families of how they will access their education from home.

The guidance goes on to state that:

- *Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education or childcare.*
- *Children who are clinically vulnerable or have underlying health conditions but are not clinically extremely vulnerable, may continue to attend school in line with current guidance.*

We are pleased that we can now provide this clarity for you. We will continue to support all of our learners in different ways depending on need.

Please advise us if your child is clinically extremely vulnerable so that we can get in touch directly. Please use the [health.advice@holbrookacademy.org](mailto:health.advice@holbrookacademy.org) email.

The school remains open for all other students not shielding or isolating.

Yours sincerely,

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