

Holy Family News



Dear Parents and Carers of children who are returning to school,
At the end of this letter there is a form for you to complete. The information that you give to us, will help us to decide if your child needs an individual risk assessment. If this is necessary, we will contact you via phone to discuss this with you. As a school, we have put many procedures in place to reduce the risk of COVID19. We put together a video for our returning Year 6 children. Please watch this with your child to help prepare them for some of the changes that we have made. To watch the video, click [here](#).

At the end of the letter there is a form which you must complete to allow us to prepare for the return of your child.

Please complete the form via the link in the yellow box.

The staff and I are really looking forward to seeing the children again.

Stay safe and take care. Mrs. Booth



What is the government guidance about?

The government has released guidance about what is safe for your child regarding health conditions. They have stated that there are 2 categories:

- **Clinically extremely vulnerable**
- **Clinically vulnerable**

Below are the definitions. For the government guidance please [click here](#). Please read [Shielding and Protecting People who are Extremely Clinically Vulnerable](#) and [Staying Alert and Safe Until 4th July](#)

1. **Clinically extremely vulnerable:**

This includes children or a person they live with:

- have had a solid organ transplant – kidney, liver, pancreas, heart, or lung
- are having treatments for some cancers
- have severe long-term lung disease including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma
- have rare diseases that increase their risk of infection
- are on medication that compromises their immune system and so are much more likely to get infections and become seriously unwell from them
- are pregnant with significant heart disease

NOTE: if your child is living with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable you should speak to your doctor to seek advice.

If YES go to box 3.

3. Advice for these children is that they should **stay at home and shield** as they or the adult are at risk of becoming poorly should they catch the virus.

If NO go to box 2.



2. **Clinically vulnerable:**

This includes children or a person they live with

- chronic (long-term) mild to moderate 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), or cerebral palsy
- diabetes
- a weakened immune system as the result of certain conditions, treatments like chemotherapy, or medicines such as steroid tablets
- being seriously overweight (a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or above)
- pregnant women

If YES go to box 4.

4. Your child will have to take extra precautions. **School will complete a risk assessment with you for your child.**

If NO go to box 5.

5. Your child is deemed to be safe to return to school.

All parents must now complete the form. [Click here.](#)