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Dear parents/carers,

### **Clinically extremely vulnerable children**

More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming seriously 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 and carers are 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 school whilst the national restrictions are in place. Therefore, if your child's GP or specialist clinician advises you that your child should not attend school during this current national lockdown, please forward written evidence of the GP's or specialist clinician's advice to the office ([attendance@branfil.havering.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@branfil.havering.sch.uk)) so your child's absence can be authorised and recorded appropriately. Please also e-mail your child's class teacher, through the year group e-mail address, so your child's home learning can be assigned via Google Classroom.

Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school.

### **Clinically vulnerable children (not clinically extremely vulnerable)**

Children who are clinically vulnerable, or have underlying health conditions but are not clinically extremely vulnerable, should continue to attend school in line with current guidance.

### **Updated guidance published for schools**

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

Yours sincerely,

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