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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Coronavirus Update – Advice for vulnerable people and children**

Following government advice yesterday we have today received guidance about vulnerable people and the coronavirus. We are applying this advice to all staff and children in our school from Wednesday 18 March 2020.

This guidance can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Advice states that adults (and children) who fall within the groups below should engage in social distancing. This means that they should not attend school with immediate effect.

This group includes those who are:

- aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions)
- under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (i.e. anyone instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds):
  - chronic (long-term) 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), a learning disability or cerebral palsy
- diabetes
- problems with your spleen – for example, sickle cell disease or if you have had your spleen removed



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- a weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or medicines such as steroid tablets or chemotherapy
- being seriously overweight (a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or above)
- those who are pregnant

Those with even more complex health problems will be contacted soon by their GP.

As a school we are currently identifying staff who fall within a 'vulnerable group' category. This may have implications for how school can operate tomorrow and in the future. We will contact you as soon as possible with more clarity but do intend to stay open during this difficult time if at all possible.

If your child falls within a vulnerable group category and should not attend school, please notify the school tomorrow by email to <mailto:officemanager@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk> Additionally, please contact school if this presents particular difficulties.

We will contact all families soon who are unable to send their children to school to provide guidance and work whilst at home.

This letter will be placed in the school website where you can access daily up-dates and the most recent advice.

Yours faithfully



**Mr P Haigh**  
**Headteacher**