



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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4 November 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will be aware, from Thursday 5 November 2020 until Wednesday 2 December 2020, the Government has introduced national restrictions in an attempt to limit the spread of Covid-19. These restrictions have been widely publicised and are summarised on the Government website below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

The Government has stated that **schools will remain open** to prioritise the wellbeing and long-term futures of our young people. They have emphasised that it is very important that all students continue to attend school and follow the current safety and protective measures in place to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid-19.

All students are therefore expected to attend school as previously, unless your child is:

- **extremely clinically vulnerable** – see link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

If your child is extremely clinically vulnerable and cannot attend school, we respectfully ask parents to provide evidence to the school. If your child is in this group, you will previously have received a letter from the NHS or from your GP telling you this.

If your child lives with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, they should continue to attend school as normal, unless advised otherwise by an individual letter from the NHS or a specialist doctor.

- **self-isolating**, having tested positive for Covid-19/awaiting a test for Covid-19 having displayed symptoms/because someone in your household has tested positive for Covid-19 or displays symptoms of Covid-19/having been informed through Test and Trace or the school that they have been in close proximity with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.

This information is available on the school website under the Covid-19 Correspondence Section.

<http://www.williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk/resource.aspx?id=572072>

- **absent from school due to general illness**



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I would be grateful if you could continue to remind your child of the following important safety steps:

- wearing a face covering in school at designated times and when travelling on the school bus. It is essential students understand the reasons why face coverings are being worn.
- maintaining social distancing with students outside of year-group bubbles and from staff.
- regularly washing their hands with soap and water/using alcohol-based hand sanitiser gel.
- washing their hands as soon as they get home.
- covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or their sleeve (not their hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- placing used tissues in the bin immediately and washing their hands afterwards.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We look forward to continuing to educate your child in school during these challenging times.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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