Dear All,

Apologies for the late notice of this. We have now received further advice from Public Health England regarding pupils with underlying health conditions. They have advised that, if possible, these pupils should remain at home for the time being.

The health conditions are listed below and include children with asthma.

We are very sorry we cannot offer clearer and more decisive guidance for you. We are working hard to gather as much advice from the relevant bodies as we possibly can and will update you as soon as we learn any more. As mentioned in the newsletter, we will fully support you in a decision you make regarding your child's safety and that of your family.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Chris

We are advising those who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19) to be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures.

This group includes those who are:

- aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions)
- under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (ie 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
  - 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