

## Abbey School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have the following information from the Government about what they are defining as 'underlying health conditions. As a headteacher and a parent myself I feel it is necessary to share with you these definitions/characteristics so that you are able to make an informed decision about sending your child to school. If your child falls into one of the following categories and you wish to keep them at home for social distance reasons we will mark their attendance as 'exceptional -agreed'

### **Conditions / Government Guidance**

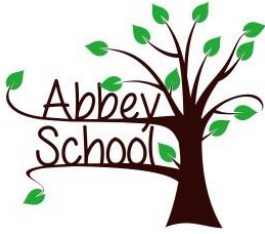
*"We are advising those who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19) to be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures.*

*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 BMI of 40 or above)*
- *those who are pregnant"*

As schools are expected to continue to remain open, we would like to inform you that the above conditions also relate to staff. With this in mind I am now unable to guarantee that your child's usual





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class team will be in school so therefore it may be necessary to move your child to an alternate class. If staff feel your child has a cough or high temperature you will be asked to collect them from school.

I realise the impact that this new advice puts onto families but would encourage you all to take this advice seriously and act accordingly.

Please continue to wash your hands as a precaution. My thoughts are with you all as families at this extremely difficult time.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Luci Windle  
Executive Headteacher

