

Request for letter regarding returning to school

RE: <<Name>> <<DOB>>

You have requested information as to whether the above named child, who is a patient of the practice, is able to return to school with their year group when schools re-open. The closure of schools was part of the Covid-19 pandemic national response to increase social distancing.

The Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health has produced advice on returning to school and has classified children into one of the four cohorts below:

1. Clinically extremely vulnerable children to remain shielded and not to return to school, even if their year group has.
2. Clinically vulnerable children who are only under the care of primary care are overwhelmingly likely to benefit from returning to school when their year group does.
3. Clinically vulnerable children, who are under secondary or specialist care for an underlying health condition are, on the balance of probabilities, more likely to benefit from returning to school when their year group does so. These families may need a conversation with their treating teams to balance the potential risks and any familial anxiety.
4. All other children should attend school when their year group returns.

If the above named child is in the category 1 cohort of being clinically extremely vulnerable you would already have received notification regarding this, if you are in any doubt the list of conditions included can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>

If they are in the category 3 cohort, they will be under secondary/tertiary care (hospital based care) and you will need to discuss with the hospital team if they are able to return to school at this time. For any other child, they should return to school when the rest of their year group returns.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of <<Name of practice>>