



5th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are extremely excited to shortly welcome back our Year 10 and Year 12 students. The details of when your child will be invited to come on site for their three-hour session, will be sent next week.

The Government has set out new guidance for schools which means we must record the health status of our students and their immediate families.

If you or your child falls into any of the four categories below, please email info@arkalexandra.org to provide us with the full details. *Please do not forget to include your child's name in the email.*

At Risk Categories:

- Clinically Extremely Vulnerable People
- Living with Clinically Extremely Vulnerable People
- Clinically Vulnerable People
- Living with Clinically Vulnerable People

Clinically vulnerable and clinically extremely vulnerable are defined below and can also be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

1. A clinically vulnerable person meets one or more of the following:

- Over 70 years old
- Chronic respiratory disease
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic Kidney disease
- Chronic Liver disease
- Chronic neurological condition
- Diabetes
- A Weakened immune system
- (any other advised by HM Gov i.e. Pregnant)

2. A clinically extremely vulnerable person meets one or more of the following:

- Solid organ transplant recipients.
- People with specific cancers:
 - people with cancer who are undergoing active chemotherapy
 - people with lung cancer who are undergoing radical radiotherapy

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- people with cancers of the blood or bone marrow such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma who are at any stage of treatment
- people having immunotherapy or other continuing antibody treatments for cancer
- people having other targeted cancer treatments which can affect the immune system, such as protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors
- people who have had bone marrow or stem cell transplants in the last 6 months, or who are still taking immunosuppression drugs
- People with severe respiratory conditions including all cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- People with rare diseases that significantly increase the risk of infections (such as severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID), homozygous sickle cell).
- People on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase risk of infection.
- Women who are pregnant with significant heart disease, congenital or acquired.
- Other people have also been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable, based on clinical judgement and an assessment of their needs. GPs and hospital clinicians have been provided with guidance to support these decisions.

If your child falls into one of the four categories, or if your situation changes in relation to any of the above, please ensure you make every effort to contact us to keep us informed.

We would like to remind you that if for any reason your child is absent from school when they are expected to be on site, as part of our safeguarding responsibilities we will make contact with you. When we do make contact to query any absence, if your child is ill we will ask specific questions as part of our checks in relation to the health categories and symptoms listed above.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Take care and stay well.

Regards,



Yvonne Powell
Executive Principal