



17.06.20 – Shielding Letters Update

Please Note: The DfE is planning an announcement on shielding very soon; we are acting on the guidance that is current.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Some of you have asked for your child, who is shielding, to return to school. We have had a meeting with Health about this today. New guidance was issued at the end of May 2020 saying that that from the end of June 2020 shielding letters for clinically extremely vulnerable children may cease. We are informed that this applies also to pupils who received their letters earlier and who think the shielding period has ended. We specifically asked when these pupils could return and were told the end of June.

If your child has been shielding, they may not get their shielding letter reissued after the end of June. Equally, they may be issued with another shielding letter.

Next steps:

If you would like your child to return to school **after the end of June 2020**, please:

1. Contact your consultant/specialist to ask for a review of your child's shielding letter, as soon as possible;
2. Ask your consultant/specialist to complete Annex A of the shielding guidance, which is a discussion around the benefits versus risk to removing the shielding letter;
3. Ask your consultant/specialist to provide you and us with a copy of the removal of your shielding letter;
Or
4. Ask your consultant/specialist to confirm in writing that your child will not be receiving a new shielding letter.

We have been informed that this should be done via specialists/consultants rather than GPs but if you do not have a specialist, your GP should be contacted.

Please direct all letters to confirm shielding status to Sharon Jones (sharon.jones@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk)

You can send her a screenshot or photograph of your letter to speed up this process if helpful.

Once we receive confirmation of your child's shielding position, we will be able to offer your child onsite education, from 29th June 2020. We will therefore need confirmation of your shielding position by 23rd June 2020 to provide school transport.

If you need to talk to us about this, please email Sharon as above and we will call you. We apologise for the timescale. We have been waiting for clarification for some time and this is national guidance that has come to us today. We've got this to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes – Jane Hughes (Headteacher)



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