

The following information applies to:

Employees, Student, Parents and Carers

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As of Monday 16 March 2020, the UK government have issued guidance for the UK population on social distancing measures we should all be taking to reduce social interaction between people in order to reduce the transmission of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We advise that parents/carers take the government's guidance into consideration if they have concerns about sending their child to school. A link to the full guidance is provided below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

People who are at increased risk are advised 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 (i.e. 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
- people who have received an organ transplant and remain on ongoing immunosuppression medication
- people with cancer who are undergoing active chemotherapy or radiotherapy
- people with cancers of the blood or bone marrow such as leukaemia who are at any stage of treatment
- people with severe chest conditions such as cystic fibrosis or severe asthma (requiring hospital admissions or courses of steroid tablets)
- people with severe diseases of body systems, such as severe kidney disease (dialysis)

Esteem Multi-Academy Trust continues to follow the government's advice for educational settings. Our academies will remain open unless otherwise directed by the government or we are unable to appropriately staff them, therefore limiting our ability to safeguard the health and safety of our school community.

Where can I go for more information?

The Department for Education is regularly [updating its website](#) to include the latest guidance. There is a poster which can be downloaded and displayed.

Additionally, you can see the public information on the [NHS Website](#) and [government website](#)

You can register to receive the latest county council updates using the following [link](#).