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Dear Parents, carers, guardians and teachers

School children & shielding letter requests

We are seeing an increasing number of requests for GPs to provide written letters of support to enable children to be shielded at home and declare they are too vulnerable to attend school.

We would like to highlight that the vast majority of children and young people who have been reviewed to date using the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) guidance have been found to be no longer considered clinically extremely vulnerable.

Given the detrimental impact to children's wellbeing of following unnecessary additional restrictions; The UK Chief Medical Officers have issued a statement on schools and childcare reopening which states that there is a very low rate of severe disease in children from COVID-19.

Schools have their own measures in place to limit the risk of transmission which can be found in guidance on reopening of schools.

All pupils and students should continue to attend education settings at all local COVID alert levels unless they are one of a very small number of pupils or students who remain clinically extremely vulnerable but only when the local COVID alert level is very high.

Because of this guidance, Castle Donington Surgery is not able to provide shielding letter or school exemption letters and recommend any patient who is believed to still be classed as clinically vulnerable contact their hospital consultant for clarification and further support.

Yours sincerely,

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