



Royal Cross Primary School

Lancashire's school for deaf children

Guidance on Shielding for Pupils in Schools.

Reference to Public Health England, DfE and Lancashire County Council

This guidance is for children in England who are [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) and clinically vulnerable.

Introduction

If you're clinically extremely vulnerable you were advised to take extra precautions during the peak of the pandemic in England. This is known as 'shielding'.

The guidance for the clinically extremely vulnerable is that shielding has been paused.

There is specific guidance on what will happen [if there is a local lockdown in your area](#).

If you're in a local lockdown area

In the event of a local lockdown, visit your [local authority's website](#) for further guidance and follow the public health guidance for your local area.

Clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people

Specialists in paediatric medicine have reviewed the latest evidence on the level of risk posed to children and young people from COVID-19.

The latest evidence indicates that the risk of serious illness for most children and young people is low. In the future, we expect fewer children and young people will be included on the shielded patient list.

If a child or young person is removed from the shielded patient list, they will no longer be advised to shield in the future if coronavirus transmission increases.

This means:

- clinically extremely vulnerable children should attend education settings in line with the wider [guidance on reopening of schools](#) and [guidance for full opening: special schools and other specialist settings](#)

Local Authority School Guidance for Schools

As part of the response to coronavirus (COVID-19), educational settings have been asked to organise a full return to school - unless they have underlying health conditions that put them at severe risk.

- Children and young people who are considered [extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding](#) should continue to shield and should not be expected to attend.

- **Clinically vulnerable** (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus.
- A minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.

For the following groups LA guidance will be sought.

- Children and young people who live in a household with someone who is **extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding** should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and the child or young person is able to understand and follow those instructions.
- Children and young people who live with someone who is **clinically vulnerable** (but not extremely clinically vulnerable) as defined in the [social distancing guidance](#) and including those who are pregnant, can attend.

To decide on whether a child or young person should be removed from the shielded patient list, you should talk to your paediatric specialist or GP. They will be in touch over the summer to discuss these decisions with you.