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Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for contacting you again so quickly but an important development has meant that we need to make you aware that there will need to be some changes to the support that we provide for our children.

This week the Government amended their definition of 'Clinically Vulnerable' individuals. This now includes:

'mild to moderate respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis'

and these individuals are more vulnerable to a Covid-19 infection.

The guidance for pupils means that parents of children attending school who have asthma **must seek medical advice before returning their child to school**. Only when we have confirmation that advice has been taken and this has been shared can your child return to school. The advice clearly states that where social distancing cannot be adhered to that those individuals are at greater risk. Our very young children cannot maintain social distancing (Nursery, Reception and Year 1) and it is essential that parents are clear on this. You will be asked to sign a risk assessment if your child has this condition if they return to us.

I know that this will be difficult news for many parents, but it essential that we do all that we can to ensure the health and well-being of all our children.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison", written in a cursive style.

Mrs Alison Nettleship  
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