

# Reigate School

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Dear Parents and Carers

This e-mail is aimed at year 10 parents and carers however, I wanted to keep you all informed with the school's intentions.

Following on from my message on Monday, we know you've seen in the news that schools may partially reopen on 1st June to year 10 children, if the government thinks it's safe to do so. This is unlikely to be on a full-time basis, but will allow children to get some face-to-face contact with teachers to support their home learning.

It's a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we're going to be doing everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive these children if it's safe for our school to reopen in the coming weeks.

We're creating a detailed action plan that we'll share with you as soon as possible so you know what the school's reopening will look like in practice. Precautions we'll be taking will include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping children and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group (criteria attached), they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Government guidance states:

**For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. Children and young people (0 to 18 years of age) who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions have been advised to shield. We do not expect these children to be attending school or college, and they should continue to be supported at home as much as possible. Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. A small minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.**

We'll keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible. In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail on [info@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk).

Take Care



Mr Alexander  
Head of School

# Extremely clinically vulnerable people

Some adults and young people have health conditions that mean they are more likely to get very unwell and might have to go to hospital if they catch coronavirus (COVID-19). These people are described as being [extremely clinically vulnerable](#) and include those who:

1. have had a solid organ transplant – kidney, liver, pancreas, heart, or lung
2. are having treatments for some cancers
3. have severe long-term lung disease including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma
4. have rare diseases and inborn errors of metabolism that increase their risk of infection
5. are on medication that compromises their immune system and so are much more likely to get infections and become seriously unwell from them
6. are pregnant with significant heart disease