



25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent Carer,

Following on from the announcements on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the Government expects children to attend school from 8<sup>th</sup> March. We know schools and settings will be in touch to explain these arrangements for your child, as they did back in September. If you or your child have any concerns about their return to full-time education, please get in touch with their school or setting as soon as possible so you can agree any individual arrangements that may be required to support their return to full-time education, as soon as possible.

COVID19 will continue to challenge school arrangements and they will need to update their risk assessments, in line with public health guidance, to help them manage local transmission rates. As before, this may include the closing of some bubbles and groups for short periods and flexible approaches to staffing arrangements.

There have been changes to the definition of Critically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) and the new guidance sets out that schools may ask for evidence from the relevant health professional to enable them to record any absence. If you have any concerns about this, please get in touch with your child's school or setting and where needed, the health care professional supporting your child or young person.

You can find the Guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings>

Many thanks

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