Please see below updated COVID-19 advice from the SDS UK Medical Advisory Board -

“COVID-19 is generally a mild illness in children and young adults. The neutropenia of SDS does not place you or your child at a significantly increased risk of severe disease. However, individuals with SDS can struggle to cope with medical challenges and we therefore advise that you follow the 12-week shielding as much as is practical. Should you/your child develop a fever and need hospital review, please follow your usual practice. Assessment of an individual with fever and neutropenia should not be delayed by the current situation. As we learn more about COVID-19, we will review our advice and will update you if necessary.”

See [here](#) the Government’s Guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable from COVID-19.

Also, find [here](#) details on how to register yourself for support and help getting deliveries of essential supplies like food.

In addition, Julia has set-up a ‘SDS COVID-19 Support’ WhatsApp group. If you would like to join, please do so by clicking [here](#).

This will be a closed group and all posts will be strictly between those involved. If you have any SDS medical concerns or queries relating to COVID-19, members of the SDS UK Medical Advisory Board are available to help with these.

Please take every care to stay safe and when we come through the other side of this dreadful virus, it would be great to organise a SDS Community Day - moving forward together and stronger.

Warmest wishes to you and your loved ones.

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