

28th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus

I wanted to keep you informed of the latest advice regarding the Coronavirus from Public Health England. We will continue to monitor the situation to ensure the wellbeing of our students and our staff.

This is a fast-evolving situation and we will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity. The current information for returning travellers is as follows:

1) If you have returned from the following areas since February 19, call NHS111 to inform them of your recent travel, stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy* as designated by the Government of Italy
- Daegu or Cheongdo, Republic of Korea)
- Hubei province, China (returned in the past 14 days)

* *Bertonico • Casalpusterlengo • Castelgerundo • Castiglione D'Adda • Codogno • Fombio • Maleo • San Fiorano • Somaglia • Terranova dei Passerini: • Vo' Euganeo*

2) If you have returned from the following areas since February 19th and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.

- Northern Italy (see [map](#))
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

3) If you have returned to the UK from any of the following areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately stay indoors and avoid contact with other people, call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

- Other parts of China outside Hubei province
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong

- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

If any of these situations apply to you or your child please do contact the school at your earliest opportunity.

Further guidance for educational settings has been published at the following links and will be updated as soon as possible with the above advice and any further changes: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Information for the public: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

I thought it was also worth echoing Public Health England's advice that:

- the infection is not serious for most people, including children;
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain;
- you can only catch Coronavirus if you have been close to a person who has it; and the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK; and
- **If you or your child feels unwell**, call NHS 111 immediately. Keep away from others and stay at home. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms. If you become unwell at school, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

You can follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19) here. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information.

Finally, I want to reassure you that the safety of our children, parents and staff is our priority. We will continue to follow the advice from Public Health England, monitor the situation closely, and take all necessary precautions. We will keep you updated if there are any developments.

Yours sincerely,

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