



Tuesday 25th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus

The Government continues to update the advice in relation to Coronavirus. Please find below the most up to date information:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public?gclid=EA1aIQobChMlpPqh5NDs5wIVCLDtCh0MDgikEAAAYASAAAEgLehPD_BwE

We have just returned from half term so I would like to draw your attention to this advice and in particular, the extract below:

Returning travellers

Based on the scientific advice of the [Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies \(SAGE\)](#) the UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who has travelled to the UK from mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

We are carrying out enhanced monitoring of direct flights from these areas. Passengers will be told how to report any symptoms they develop during the flight, at the time of arrival, or after leaving the airport.

These areas have been identified because of the volume of air travel from affected areas, understanding of other travel routes and number of reported cases. This list will be kept under review.

If you have returned from these specific areas since 19th February, you should call NHS 111 and 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
- Special care zones in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)

If you have returned from these areas since 19th February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini),
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

If you or your children have returned from one of the regions mentioned above, you should call NHS 111 and follow their advice.

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of our staff or pupils contracting Coronavirus. There is no reason why pupils should not continue to attend school as normal.

We will continue to speak to children about good hygiene including handwashing and preventing the spread of germs as outlined below:

Encouraging good hygiene

As always, if you have symptoms of cold or flu then there are measures you can take to stop germs.

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then put the tissue in the bin, and wash your hands or use sanitiser gel.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use hand sanitiser gel if soap is not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Yours sincerely



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