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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: COVID – 19 (Coronavirus) – Latest Advice

You may be aware that advice for travellers from affected areas has recently changed and it has come to our attention that this may affect children returning from half term trips abroad. This is an evolving situation and we will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity and keep our website updated with links to government information.

As of today, advice 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:*

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

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- Macau

The link below outlines the latest government information:

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

Please ensure that you are following the above advice and please notify the school if your child is required to self-isolate because of recent travel to an affected area. The school continues to operate as normal and it is important to take a proportionate view on the risk whilst taking steps to minimise the likelihood of transmission.

We are speaking to students in assemblies this week about the importance of hand hygiene and measures to prevent the spread of all viruses, including coronavirus.

Kind regards

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