



26th February 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Coronavirus – COVID – 19 - Update

I hope that you have all been able to enjoy a wonderful half-term and it has been lovely to welcome the students back to school this week.

Further to my letter to you of the 12th February regarding the situation surrounding the Coronavirus I wanted to write to update you following new guidelines released to schools.

The practical advice remains the same and we have now put in place arrangements for students to use hand-washing facilities or alcohol gels and wipes in advance of lunch time and the break-time tuck shop. Please can I ask for your help as parents in reminding your son and/or daughter of the importance, at this time, of good basic hygiene to help reduce the risk of infections spreading. If you can send your child to school with appropriate tissues and hand gel this would be incredibly helpful.

The situation regarding recent outbreaks is changing on a daily basis at present.

As of today, advice we have received for returning travellers is as follows:

1. If you have returned from the following areas **since February 19th**, call NHS 111 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 –
 - *Bertonico*
 - *Casalpusterlengo*
 - *Castelgerundo*
 - *Castiglione D'Adda*
 - *Codogno*
 - *Fombio*
 - *Maleo*
 - *San Fiorano*
 - *Somaglia*
 - *Terranova dei Passerini*
 - *Vo*
 - Daegu or Cheongdo - Republic of Korea
 - Hubei province, China (returned in the past 14 days)

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 NHS 111. **You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.**

- Northern Italy – defined as a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini
- 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

Further guidance and advice can be found at the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

If you believe that you, or your son / daughter need to self-isolate, please contact the school immediately. We will sensitively deal with this situation without the need to cause any concern and will work with you as a family to offer support and guidance.

We will continue to regularly check updated advice and will do all we can to keep you updated as quickly as possible.

Should you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to be in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized initials and a long horizontal stroke.