

28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Covid-19 Parent Communication

We have been alerted to the concerns and anxieties amongst some parents and carers of children in the local area as a result of the ongoing situation concerning Coronavirus (Covid-19).

This letter is intended to reassure you that we continue to monitor the situation at school level and the advice and guidance being provided to us by the Department for Education and Public Health England.

At the time of writing, we have no recorded incidents of Covid-19 within our school. However, we are aware that some families may have been away over the half term break last week, so it might be helpful to advise you of the Public Health guidance we are following at the present time, and to ask you to observe the same, in respect of your immediate household.

If you have returned from the following 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. This includes avoiding attending school or work until 14 days after they return

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy (see link to maps below)
- Special care zones in South Korea (see link to maps below)
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days – see link to maps below)

If you have returned from the following areas since 19 February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111. All pupils without any of the symptoms should continue to attend school, including their siblings attending the same or a different school (unless advised not to by public health officials).

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini – see link to maps below)
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

If you have a cough, or fever or shortness of breath and have visited any of the following areas in the last 14 days, stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of your recent travel:

- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea, apart from special care zones (see link to maps below)
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia

- Macau
- China apart from Hubei province ( see link to maps below)

In the meantime in school, we continue to encourage all pupils and staff to adopt regular handwashing, and sneezing and coughing into tissues and then safely disposing of the tissue to help minimise the infection. The situation remains changeable, and we will keep you updated if the situation at school changes. In the meantime, please listen to advice being provided by the authorities through appropriate news channels.

This link to the Public Health England website provides useful information and advice.;

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

Covid-19: specified countries and areas

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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