



3rd March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to reassure parents/carers that we are closely monitoring the current situation regarding Coronavirus. As a precaution, we are displaying posters to ensure students, staff and visitors remember to follow basic hygiene routines. We are following what is seen as good general advice about infection prevention and control at a time when colds and flu are common.

This basically involves regular hand washing and minimal personal contact. We are able to provide hand washing facilities at school and you may feel that you want to provide your child with hand sanitisers for personal use.

Regarding the Ski Trip to Italy, due to depart during the Easter holidays, we are continuing to follow Foreign Office advice and will keep this under review. Currently, the advice from the Foreign Office is that it is safe for the trip to continue. The Aosta Valley has had no reported cases of Coronavirus as of 3rd March 2020.

The link below provides the latest advice for schools from Public Health England:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869250/Coronavirus_advice_for_educational_settings_poster.pdf

In summary,

Do:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Don't:

- touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

More information is available on the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Advice for those returning from foreign travel is also summarised below.

UK Chief Medical Officers Advice for 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.

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: In the Lombardy Region: Bertonico; Casalpusterlengo; Castelgerundo; Castiglione D'Adda; Codogno; Fombio; Maleo; San

Fiorano; Somaglia; and Terranova dei Passerini In the Veneto Region: Vo A map has been published to help detail the relevant areas.

- 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:

- Northern Italy (see map)
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

Or If you have returned to the UK from any of the following areas in the last 14 days:

- Other parts of China outside Hubei province
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

You should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111 **ONLY** if you develop symptoms.

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Yours sincerely



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