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26th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a rapidly evolving and changing situation which we are monitoring carefully but based on the available evidence, the current risk to the UK population is classified as low to moderate.

With the emerging number of reported cases in Northern Italy over the last 24 hours it is now necessary for the school to write with further guidance and instructions.

It is your social responsibility to notify the school immediately of any student or family member who has travelled to/from, or has had direct contact with anyone from, a Novel Coronavirus affected area in the last 14 days.

The advice is clear that any individual who has arrived from:

- mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macua, in the last 14 days
- Northern Italy (defined by a line above and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini), Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar since 19th February 2020

and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath (even if the symptoms are mild) must:

- **not** attend school or work,
- seek advice by phone from NHS 111 and
- **not** return to school/work until **after** medical advice is received.

If the child is well and not experiencing any symptoms students will be made aware of what they should do if they feel unwell in school. If the child does begin to develop symptoms they will be isolated immediately and await medical advice and further instruction from the NHS.

Any individual who has arrived from Iran, Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy, Special Care Zones in South Korea and the Hubei province since 19th February 2020 must:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people (even if you do not have any symptoms),
- not attend school or work,
- seek advice by phone from NHS 111 and
- **not** return to school/work until **after** medical advice is received.

There are students at school with existing health conditions which make them vulnerable to viruses and infection. It is our obligation to help keep our young people safe and minimise risk.

You can access the latest government information and advice here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novelcoronavirus-information-for-the-public



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A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus, which is attached for your reference. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Further information is available from

https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/

Yours faithfully

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