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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to update you regarding the World Health Organisation's declaration yesterday that the Coronavirus (2019-nCov) is a public health emergency of international concern; the UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate. Whilst the risk to individuals in the UK remains low, we are following all guidance and guidelines provided by the Public Health Authority detailing the measures that should be taken by organisations and are reviewing the guidance daily.

Based on the scientific advice of SAGE, the UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who has travelled to the UK from the following areas:

- China
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately:

- 1) **Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu**
- 2) **Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country**

The advice is clear that any individual experiencing symptoms who has arrived from these areas should:

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

With half-term approaching, we ask that any student or family who intends to travel to/from, or have direct contact with anyone from, a **Novel Coronavirus affected area**, should inform us immediately so we can take the necessary measures.

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

Please may we take this opportunity to reiterate to all students the importance of good hygiene practices.

Yours faithfully

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