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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus concerns

You're likely aware of the outbreak of coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. I thought I should write to inform parents of the latest advice we have received from the Department for Education and Public Health England. We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing this guidance with you (see below). There's currently no cause for concern at the school.

Prevent the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing, throwing tissues in the bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home.
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

If you or your children have returned from a category 1 country or area in past 14 days - This includes:

- Wuhan city and Hubei province, China
- Iran - *Only if you've returned on or after 19 February 2020*
- Daegu or Cheongdo, South Korea - *Only if you've returned on or after 19 February 2020*
- Any Italian town under containment measures - *Only if you've returned on or after 19 February 2020*

Please refer to the www.gov.uk website below for more detailed guidance on the areas listed above
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>



- Contact NHS 111 for advice, and:
- Self-isolate for 14 days after leaving the country or area: see the home isolation advice sheet for further advice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-self-isolation-for-patients-undergoing-testing/advice-sheet-home-isolation>
- If you become unwell, call NHS 111 immediately for an assessment (or 999 if you require emergency medical attention) – see below for the symptoms to look out for

If you or your children have returned from a category 2 country or area in last 14 days -This includes:

- Cambodia
- China (other than Wuhan city or Hubei province)
- Hong Kong
- Italy: North (Only if you've returned on or after 19 February 2020) see this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>
- Japan
- Laos
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Singapore
- South Korea (other than Daegu or Cheongdo)
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam

If you or your children are well:

- You don't need to avoid contact with other people
- Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell (see below for a list of symptoms):

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses. For help with this see the home isolation advice sheet: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-self-isolation-for-patients-undergoing-testing/advice-sheet-home-isolation>
- Call NHS 111 immediately for an assessment (or 999 if you require emergency medical attention)

Symptoms to look out for

If you've returned from any of the category 1 or 2 areas or countries, look out for the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)



If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. In sending this letter I don't want to create any sense of alarm but equally thought you should have access to the latest information.

If you want to see the very latest advice from Public Health England visit:

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

Yours sincerely



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