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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Coronavirus/COVID-19 – update 25th February 2020

We continue to keep abreast of the latest developments with regards to Coronavirus (or COVID-19). We are taking the time to write to you, as are other schools across the UK with the latest advice from the government, as published on their gov.uk website. We have detailed this below for your convenience.

Advice for returning travellers issued on Gov.UK website is:

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.

*If you have returned from the areas listed below since February 19, you should call NHS111 and 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*
- Special care zones in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea*
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)*

*If you have returned from the areas listed below since February 19th and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111. **You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.***

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini),*
- Vietnam*
- Cambodia*

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- Laos
 - Myanmar
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Towns in Italy currently in lockdown:

Bertonico

Terranova dei Passerini

Castiglione d'Adda

Casalpusterlengo

Castelgerundo

Somaglia

Codogno

Fombio

Maleo

Vo' Eugane

San Fiorano

Source: <https://metro.co.uk/2020/02/25/towns-italy-lockdown-coronavirus-12298246/?ito=cbshare>

Public Health England continues to maintain that good hygiene is one of the most effective ways to combat viruses. We re-attach the poster for convenience.

In school, as is normal, we will continue to promote good hand, respiratory and personal hygiene among children and staff that reinforces good practice and reduces the spread of common infections.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries related to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Ricky Leigh
Headteacher