

25th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Coronavirus – Updated Government Guidance Issued Today – 25th February 2020

Further to my letter yesterday, the government has since issued new guidance for all UK citizens who have travelled to specific lockdown areas in northern Italy (currently Vo, Casalpusterlengo, Codogno, Castiglione d'Adda, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano), special care zones in South Korea, as designated by the government of the Republic of South Korea, and the Hubei province.

Anyone recently returning from these areas is advised to self-isolate at home for 14 days even if they are not displaying any symptoms of the virus. If you travelled to any of these affected areas during half term please can you advise the school at the earliest opportunity and we will ask that your child/children is kept at home for two weeks. You are also advised to ring 111 for NHS advice and guidelines.

In addition to the above, the guidance also states 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.

If you have returned from Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini), Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos or Myanmar 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.

Government guidance for other areas still remain in place – please refer to this link which provides the updated and existing guidelines and areas in the world where advice applies. www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public#advice-for-travellers

This letter is being issued as a purely precautionary measure. We will continue to actively monitor advice in school and share this with parents/carers when appropriate.

Your faithfully,

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