



26th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Coronavirus concerns

You might be aware that two nearby schools have either closed or partially closed following concerns of staff and students returning from ski trips in Northern Italy. Therefore, I thought I should send you the following information and guidance which may be helpful to you. Obviously this is an ever changing picture so it is worth checking the most up to date information daily and the following [guidance from Public Health England](#) on steps you should be taking.

There is currently no cause for concern at any of our schools, but we will keep you informed about any developments and ensure we are keeping the schools clean to prevent the spread of any virus. The following information is accurate as I write but is subject to change.

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 cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a 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 anywhere in Hubei province in past 14 days

If you or your children are currently well:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with flu viruses
- Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area
- Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell:

- Please call NHS 111 immediately in order for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible
- Follow the [home isolation advice sheet](#)

If you or your children have returned from a specified country in last 14 days

The specified countries are:

- China (other than Hubei)
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Parts of Northern Italy

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:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses
- Follow the [home isolation advice sheet](#)
- Call NHS 111 immediately in order for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible

If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards



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