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## Coronavirus - Advice for schools and educational settings

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that advice for travellers from affected areas has recently changed and it has come to our attention that this may affect children and staff returning from school trips. Please be aware that this is a fast evolving situation and we will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity.

As of yesterday (25<sup>th</sup> February) advice for returning travellers is as follows;

1) If you have returned from the following areas **since February 19**, call NHS111 to inform them of your recent travel, 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
- Daegu or Cheongdo, Republic of Korea)
- Hubei province, China (returned in the past 14 days)

\* *Bertonico • Casalpusterlengo • Castelgerundo • Castiglione D'Adda • Codogno • Fombio • Maleo • San Fiorano • Somaglia • Terranova dei Passerini: • Vo*

2) If you have returned from the following areas since **February 19<sup>th</sup>** 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
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

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3) If you have returned to the UK from any of the following areas **in the last 14 days** and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately stay indoors and avoid contact with other people, call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

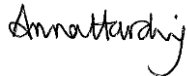
- Other parts of China outside Hubei province
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

Whilst we do not wish to cause alarm to the children we feel it is important to raise their awareness of the virus and how we can all prevent the spread of germs in general. Class teachers will be speaking to the children and give them general advice about the importance of regular and thorough handwashing. They will also instruct the children to use tissues when coughing or sneezing and then throw away immediately.

The link below provides more information and guidance on the Coronavirus from NHS UK:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/wuhan-novel-coronavirus/>

Yours faithfully,



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