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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Updated information on Coronavirus

I just wanted to email parents/carers to let you know that as a school we continue to monitor closely latest information and follow latest guidance regarding Coronavirus. We receive regular contacts and updates from Public Health England and the Department for Education and we are following all of their advice.

In the last two days, there have been updates to this guidance. You may have also seen in the news reports of school closures following trips to the newly reported areas where Coronavirus has been identified. The advice from Public Health England, the DfE and Department of Health is that schools do not need to close, as long as they follow the guidance below which we are doing.

Please be assured that we will monitor developments closely and continue to adhere to guidance given to us.

Please take the time to read the information below and visit the following link if you require any further information

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

The World Health Organisation have recommended that we all wash our hands regularly and thoroughly clean our hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

Their advice posters can be found here:

<https://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/resources/posters/en/>

If people have returned from these specific areas since February 19, they should call NHS 111, 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 people have returned to the UK in the last 14 days from any of the areas listed below they are advised to self-isolate only if they develop symptoms. They can continue to attend work or education and they do not need to avoid contact with other people. If however, people do develop any symptoms of cough, fever or shortness of breath, they should immediately stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu and call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

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



- Laos
- Myanmar
- China
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

If you are in any doubt or have any concerns following your return from any of these countries, please call NHS 111 and they will be able to advise you.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any further questions then please contact school. Should there be any changes to this information we will let you know.

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Headteacher