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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: The outbreak and spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

With concern growing around the spread of COVID-19, I want to share with you the latest advice schools have received from the Department of Education and Public Health England and to reassure you that we are following, and will continue to follow, any guidance we are given.

As you may be aware, travellers have been requested to contact NHS111 and to stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if they have returned from any of the following areas since February 19th, even if they do not have any symptoms:

- Iran
- Specific areas of Northern Italy including Bertonico, Casalpusterlengo, Castelgerundo, Castiglione D'Adda, Codogno, Fombio, Maleo, San Fiorano, Somaglia, and Terranova dei Passerini in the Lombardy Region of the country and Vo in the Veneto Region
- Daegu or Cheongdo in the Republic of Korea
- Hubei Provenca in China

In addition, anyone returning from other specified areas of Northern Italy, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar since 19th February and anyone returning from other parts of China outside Hubei Provenca, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Macau since 11th February should also stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people although they should only contact NHS111 if they develop any symptoms of the infection.

Public Health England are clear that there is no need for schools to close. The latest advice is that everyone can take simple steps to minimise the spread of this, and other, viruses:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Further information is available on the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I will of course update you of any further developments should the need arise and, in the meantime, please be reassured that we will continue to follow all the advice and guidance we are given.

Yours faithfully

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