

Update on Coronavirus

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see the following update from the **Department for Education**. Should any families have travelled to any of the countries listed below during half term, please inform the school and take the necessary precautions as outlined below.

We are continuing to keep you updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Public Health England advises that the risk to individuals in the UK remains low.

Advice for those who have travelled recently

Yesterday, the Chief Medical Advisor for England, Chris Whitty updated advice for travellers returning to the UK from specific areas affected by COVID-19, which you can find at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please share this guidance with your staff and cascade as appropriate.

If you have returned from the following specific areas since 19th February, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- *Iran*
- *Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy (see link to maps below)*
- *Special care zones in South Korea (see link to maps below)*
- *Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days – see link to maps below)*

If you have returned from the following areas since 19 February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111:

- *Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini – see link to maps below)*
- *Vietnam*
- *Cambodia*
- *Laos*
- *Myanmar*

If you have a cough, or fever or shortness of breath and have visited any of the following areas in the last 14 days, stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of your recent travel:

- *China, apart from Hubei province (see link to maps below)*
- *Thailand*
- *Japan*
- *Republic of Korea, apart from special care zones (see link to maps below)*
- *Hong Kong*
- *Taiwan*
- *Singapore*
- *Malaysia*
- *Macau*

Maps showing affected regions of China, Republic of Korea and Italy

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

Advice for those who have travelled recently in a group, such as a school trip

There is no need to manage returning groups any differently. Pupils, students and staff returning from trips to the countries specified above should follow the same advice.

Where to find the latest information

Public Health England blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Guidance for educational settings

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>