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Dear parents/carers

Following the increasing numbers of coronavirus cases in Europe since the half term holiday we are sharing the following updated advice from the government regarding travellers returning specifically from Northern Italy in the past week, but which we believe should also be considered by anyone returning from the neighbouring countries of France, Austria, Switzerland and Croatia and also Tenerife.

Please be reassured that we do not have any reports of illness among either the students or staff that may raise specific concerns about coronavirus and we are sharing this information merely as a precaution as the situation is changing rapidly and on a day by day basis.

**If you have returned from the specific areas listed below since February 19 you 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 (currently Bertinico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castiglione d'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Castelgerundo, Somaglia, Codogno, Fombio, Maleo, Vo' Eugane and San Fiorano)
- Special care zones in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea
- Hubei province in China

If you or your children have returned from Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini), or other countries where reports of coronavirus have been reported since February 19<sup>th</sup> and which are not on the list above, should you or they develop any symptoms including fever, a cough or shortness of breath, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately.

- You should stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses (see this [home isolation advice sheet](#)).
- You should call NHS 111 immediately to be assessed by an appropriate specialist, as quickly as possible
- Pupils feeling unwell should stay at home and should not attend school. Adults should stay at home and not go to work.
- You should not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment
- If you require emergency medical attention, call 999 and tell the call handler or ambulance control that the person has a history of recent travel to risk areas for COVID-19
- see [further information](#) and the [Public Health England Blog](#)

**If your child does not have any of the symptoms listed above, they should continue to attend school as usual.** We will update you whenever we get any updated advice for schools from the governments over the coming days/weeks.

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For the latest information on the coronavirus outbreak please check <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> . This page is updated each day.

Please also see attached the Public Health England poster, which is now displayed in school, and which contains further advice on how to stop the spread of coronavirus.

Kind regards

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