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Coronavirus Update for Parents and Carers

Dear parents and carers

As you will be aware, there has been a lot of information in the media recently about returning trips to Italy over half term in light of the recent measures put in place by the Italian Authorities on Coronavirus. I am aware that there has been some concern from parents in relation to families that may have returned from trips to Italy during Half Term. As far as we are aware, no families were resident or travelled through any of the affected areas.

The advice from Public Health England, via the local authority this morning is as follows:

“If you have returned from the quarantined towns and develop flu like symptoms, please stay at home, avoid contact with other people and call NHS111.”

Needless to say, please do also contact the school.

A summary of the advice (issued yesterday) from Public Health England in relation to travel to other areas is included in Appendix 1 to this letter.

Taking basic hygiene precautions remains the best way to reduce the chances of spreading any virus: sneeze or cough into a tissue, bin it, wash your hands frequently and don't touch your face unless you've just washed your hands. Using a normal detergent to clean the surfaces people touch regularly like door handles is also sensible. This, of course, has been discussed with our cleaning contractors.

Please be assured that the school is following and implementing the regular advice that is being issued currently in relation to this matter. The advice has been updated regularly in recent weeks and the school is also able to draw upon Herts County Council Health and Safety Advice as and when queries arise.

Please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus for the most up to date national advice.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to make further contact.

Kind regards

Jon White
Headteacher



Appendix 1: Advice from Public Health England as at 26.02.20

Yesterday (25.02.20), the Chief Medical Advisor for England, Chris Whitty, updated advice for travellers returning to the UK from specific areas affected by COVID-19 as follows:

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:

- 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 links 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>

