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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Coronavirus Updates

As you are aware, I am receiving the regular updates provided to school from Public Health England and from the DfE. I will continue to email any changes to you so that you are kept informed.

As a school, I can reassure you that the soap in the toilets contain hand sanitiser as well as soap so that bacteria and germs are killed. We are also having new hand driers fitted and will provide access to paper towels too.

We have ordered enough boxes of tissues for every classroom as a way of supporting the guidance of the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' technique as issued by Public Health England. We will display these posters around school and ask staff to remind students to wash their hands correctly.

I am sure that parents and carers of Year 11 students are concerned about a possible outbreak during the exam season. Here is a current update from the BBC about this.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-51707144>

In order to support our whole community, I ask that you are vigilant about the health of all of your family and read the guidance below. If you have travelled to any of the listed areas in the last two weeks, please monitor the health and wellbeing of you family, follow the guidance below and inform school immediately if you have any symptoms or concerns.

This is the current guidance that we have received:

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>

A final request is that you talk to your children about the guidance in the attached poster and encourage them to wash their hands as recommended.

Thank you for all of your support, I will keep you informed as we receive updates.

Yours faithfully



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