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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus and the more recent cases reported in European countries, we are writing to share the following advice from Public Health England:

***Travellers from other parts of China and other specified areas***

*This advice applies to travellers who have returned to the UK from the following areas:*

China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Macau

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country
- please follow this advice even if your symptoms are minor.

If you have returned from these areas since February 19<sup>th</sup> and develop symptoms, please follow this advice. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.

Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini), Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar

It is important to note that Public Health England report the current risk level to individuals as low, however we want to make sure that students and families have appropriate access to the necessary advice and guidance. The following personal hygiene advice has been shared with pupils previously and is an appropriate precaution for all members of the wider community to routinely carry out.

**Encouraging good hygiene**

*As always, if you have symptoms of a cold or flu, then there are measures you can take to stop germs:*

- always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

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Wash hands regularly with soap and water and especially at these times:

- before leaving home
- on arrival at school
- after using the toilet
- after breaks and sporting activities
- before food preparation
- before eating any food, including snacks
- before leaving school

Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter, please do contact NHS 111 or refer to the specific advice which can be found on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public#contents>. Please do note that this information is being updated regularly, as the cases are identified; parents are advised to seek updates directly from this link.

If you are affected by any of the above, please keep the school updated by contacting the Attendance Officer on 01462 628041.

Yours sincerely



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