11th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from the Coronavirus guidance which was sent out to you yesterday, we have received some updates which are as follows:-

Updated Current guidance is to:

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK from the following places in the last 14 days, even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- Hubei province in China
- Special care zones in South Korea (Daegu, Cheongdo, Gyeongsan)

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK from the following places, even if you do not have symptoms:

- Italy (since 09 March)

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK from the following places in the last 14 days and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath, even if your symptoms are mild:

- mainland China outside of Hubei province
- South Korea outside of the special care zones
- Cambodia
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Laos
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam

Use the 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do next.

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

In all cases, Public Health England advice should be followed.

The latest information on the at risk countries can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus.

We will be endorsing this guidance in our school, so if any members of your family, including pupils at the school, visit any of the affected countries please follow the above advice.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep in touch with you as it develops. Thank you for your support in protecting the health and wellbeing of all our pupils.

We also wanted to let you know the school procedure should a child or member of staff be suspected of having COVID 19, or having contact with someone who has:

The current guidance is that; we will not close the school or send other people home. The individual will be sent home and we will carry out cleaning activities and disposal of waste in accordance with Section 13 and 14 of the Guidance for Education Settings. Should a case be confirmed we will be contacted by the local Public Health England Protection Team. They will carry out an assessment with relevant staff and advice will be based upon this assessment. The Health Protection Team will also contact the patient directly to advise on isolation and identifying other contacts. Should we become aware that a child has had close contact with somebody that is suspected of the virus and is showing some symptoms themselves, we will send them home.

The incubation period is between 2-14 days. If a person remains well 14 days after contact with someone it is unlikely that they have been infected.

If anybody has been in contact with a suspected case no restrictions or special control measures will be required whilst test results are awaited.

Yours sincerely

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