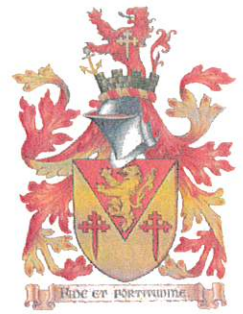




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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

We would like to reassure you that we are following all the advice and guidance given to us by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Public Health England Advice to Schools.

Hand sanitizers and posters have been positioned around the school to promote cleanliness and reduce the risk of infection.

The latest information and advice can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

If you have returned from the following specific areas since 19 February 2020, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

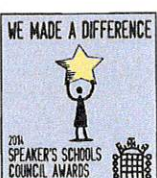
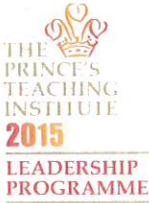
- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy, as designated by the Government of Italy
- 'Special care zones' in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)

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. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms:

- Northern Italy (anywhere north of Pisa, Florence and Rimini)
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

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If you have returned to the UK from any of the following 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 and call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country:

- China, apart from Hubei province
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea, apart from special care zones
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> for further information and advice.

All other pupils or students should continue to attend school including their siblings attending the same or a different school (unless advised not to by public health officials).

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

See further information on the:

[Public Health England blog \(https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/\)](https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/) and the [NHS UK website \(https://www.nhs.uk/\)](https://www.nhs.uk/).

There are general principles anyone can follow (which have been shared with students) to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser (containing at least 60% alcohol) if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands when possible
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

We will continue to keep parents informed in any changes to these arrangements.

Yours sincerely



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