

Tuesday 25 February 2020

Dear Parents

Coronavirus [COVID-19] update

I would like to bring to your attention the latest Government guidance update regarding the Coronavirus and returning travellers from various countries. Significantly Northern Italy has now been included along with Iran amongst the countries that are a concern. I have attached the guidance below.

I am conscious that it is likely that a number of our families may have travelled to Italy over half term.

If you have spent time in Northern Italy [as identified below] since the 19th of February 2020 please take time to read the guidance and if appropriate call NHS 111 and avoid contact with other people.

With best wishes

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Guidance from Gov.uk [25.2.2020]

Returning travellers

Based on the scientific advice of the [Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies \(SAGE\)](#) the UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who has travelled to the UK from mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

We are carrying out enhanced monitoring of direct flights from these areas. Passengers will be told how to report any symptoms they develop during the flight, at the time of arrival, or after leaving the airport.

These areas have been identified because of the volume of air travel from affected areas, understanding of other travel routes and number of reported cases. This list will be kept under review.

If you have returned from these specific areas since February 19, you should call NHS111 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 these areas since February 19th and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111. 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*