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Dear Parent/Carer

Following a conversation with Public Health England this morning, I write to you to share the most recent guidance that the school has received regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

This guidance was released today and is relevant not only to schools, but any travel completed recently from the areas listed, during the February half-term break.

We are reviewing advice from central government and the Department for Education, as it is updated.

Although the risk level for individuals remains low, the detailed and direct advice for travellers is as follows:

1) If you have returned from the following areas **since February 19**, call NH\$111 to inform them of your recent travel, 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
- Daegu or Cheongdo, Republic of Korea)
- Hubei province, China (returned in the past 14 days)

* Bertonico • Casalpusterlengo • Castelgerundo • Castiglione D'Adda • Codogno • Fombio • Maleo • San Fiorano • Somaglia • Terranova dei Passerini: • Vo

2) If you have returned from the following areas since **February 19** 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 (see <u>map</u>)
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

3) 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, call NHS111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

- Other parts of China outside Hubei province
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan

- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

Our recent ski trip to Predazzo returned to Harrogate last Thursday and the new guidance for those returning from Northern Italy generally is that they should self-isolate and call NHS111 **only if they have flu-like symptoms**.

The school asks that any parent who has spent the February holiday at any of the international destinations in the lists above, follows the national guidance found at www.gov.uk/guidance which is regularly updated with the latest advice.

Yours sincerely

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