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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus COVID-19

We are continuing to monitor the situation, at home and abroad. Based on the World Health Organization's declaration that this is a public health emergency of international concern. The UK Chief Medical Officers have now raised the risk to the public from low to moderate, this permits the government to plan for all eventualities.

Please can you re-iterate the message from Public Health at home that the most important thing we can do is wash our hands regularly using soap and water. Students will be reminded in tutor time to wash their hands after going to the toilet and in addition the guidance also says you should wash hands when you arrive in school, after PE and before eating. When you get home at the end of the day wash your hands again.

Updated information for **Returning travellers**

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 symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should 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.

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If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas since 19th February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should 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:

- Northern Italy
(in Lombardy: Codogno, Castiglione d'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano. In Veneto: Vo' Euganeo)
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

Further information can be found on the Government

website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Kind regards

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