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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.

As families may have travelled abroad over the half term, please find the latest guidance summarised below.

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.

If you have returned from the specific areas mentioned below since February 19th, 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).
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If you have returned from the areas mentioned below since February 19th 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 (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini),
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar.
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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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