Tuesday 25th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As you will be aware, the situation regarding the Coronavirus is changing daily, as is the advice being provided by Public Health England. In addition to the previously identified areas of concern, Northern Italy has become an area where the virus is spreading. As this is a regular destination for UK tourists, I would like to share the most recent guidance. Please note that the Government's guidance may change over the next few days.

Today we have received new information regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from Public Health England for any person/s who have returned from Northern Italy in the last 14 days; specifically, the regions of Veneto and Lombardy.

Latest information as of Tuesday 25th February 2020:

- o Any person who has returned from Northern Italy since 19 February should contact NHS 111 to see whether they have been to any of the 'lock-down' towns.
- o If they have been to one of these lock-down towns, the current advice is to self-isolate for 14 days. They should not attend school.
- o Any person who has returned from other areas of Northern Italy, since 19th February 2020, who is displaying the symptoms of the Coronavirus (listed below), should self-isolate and contact NHS 111 (selecting option 2).
- o If you have been in Northern Italy, but not the lock-down towns and do not have any symptoms, you should attend school as normal.

We have been told that there is no evidence that anyone who has been in Northern Italy is contagious, unless they have symptoms listed below:
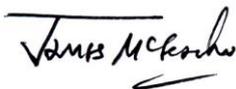
Corona Virus Symptoms:
- experiencing cough
- flu-like symptoms including a fever
- shortness of breath

The Government website also states that: *'the current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild. Those who have died in Wuhan appear to have had pre-existing health conditions.'*

Should you have any concerns please contact NHS 111 immediately.

Yours sincerely

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