

26th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the updates to the advice from Public Health England yesterday - particularly in relation to travellers returning from Italy - I wanted to write to you all and re-confirm the current situation and our approach.

In addition to the guidance about returning travellers from China and various other Asian countries (available here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>), the advice now says that **if you have travelled in the specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy since February 19th**, you should call NHS111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people **even if you do not have symptoms**. The lockdown area currently includes 10 towns south of Milan in Lombardy (Codogno, Castiglione d'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano) and one in Veneto (Vo' Euganeo). If you, or anyone living with you has travelled to these specific areas **please contact NHS111 and keep your child off school** pending their advice.

If you have travelled to Northern Italy more generally (defined as the area north of a line from just above Pisa to just above Rimini, including ski resorts in Northern Italy), since February 19th you should **be vigilant for symptoms, however mild**. If anyone in the family experiences any symptoms, they 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. Please continue to be vigilant, and if you have any concerns about possible exposure to the virus as a result of family travel over half term please do contact NHS111 for advice.

If you need to keep your child at home, either because you have travelled to one of the lockdown towns or because someone in the family has unconfirmed symptoms following travel to any of the affected areas, please let us know as soon as possible by calling the school office. Where appropriate we will make arrangements for your child's teachers to provide work for them during any period of enforced absence.

We continue to maintain high standards of hygiene in school, and are following guidance from Public Health England and the Department for Education about contingency planning for any increase in the number of cases in the UK.

Thank you for your ongoing support with these important measures.

Yours sincerely



Ms Jane Charman