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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware of the news about the spread of Coronavirus. Please find the latest information by following the links below.

Advice for travellers:

 $\underline{https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public\#advice-for-travellers$

NHS advice on Coronavirus:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

The key message to families, following government advice, is that if you have travelled from an area that has been affected and experience any symptoms, even if mild, you should contact NHS 111. We ask that you keep any child with any symptoms at home (as you would with any flu) and to otherwise follow the advice received from the NHS.

The advice is more explicit if you have travelled from the following areas (full list available on the link above):

- 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).
 If you have visited one of the above areas the advice is to contact NHS 111, stay indoors and avoid contact with others even if you do not have symptoms. Clearly, travellers from the specific areas should not attend school until NHS advice says to do so.

Anyone who has recently travelled is strongly advised to read the information on the link above.









The school continues to follow and promote public health messages:

Do:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- put used tissues in the bin immediately.
- wash your hands with soap and water often use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Don't:

• do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

The school toilets are checked regularly to ensure the soap is refilled. In addition, hand sanitiser is used at lunchtime.

Attendance at school remains a priority but we would be grateful if families could note this advice and encourage children to follow basic hygiene advice.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs H. West Headteacher