

5 February 2020

**Coronavirus – information for parents**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We understand the worry and confusion that may have been caused by confusing press over the Coronavirus. We, as a school, have been consulting with County, using the FCO websites and taking advice from PHE and Healix (advisors to the FCO) websites. We have also taken advice from the Boarding Schools Association, and The Department for Education sent the attached information to schools yesterday. I feel it appropriate to share this advice with you as it is clear and helpful.

We will continue to monitor the situation world-wide and please be assured that we will pass on any further advice when we can.

Our Matron is helping with good personal hygiene reminders to all students and staff and will be monitoring for any signs and symptoms should they arise.

Please follow the links below if you have concerns or would like to seek further advice.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant half term break. School closes at 1500 on Friday 14 February and reopens at 0845 on Monday 24 February.

Kind regards

Marieke Forster  
Assistant Head



## **Coronavirus – Advice for all early years providers, schools and further education providers**

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However, we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

Latest information and advice can also be found at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### **Advice for parents/guardians**

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

### **What action you can take**

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

You can do this by:

Displaying this poster in relevant public spaces:

- <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5e35b25740f0b609169cb52a/coronavirus-public-info-poster-2.pdf>

Sharing DHSC content from the following social media links:

- <https://twitter.com/DHSCgovuk/status/1223888531262726144>
- <https://www.facebook.com/DHSCgovuk/videos/194227541968649/>
- [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/dhsc\\_coronavirus-coronavirusoutbreak-coronavirusuk-activity-6629655670331318273-Djpu](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/dhsc_coronavirus-coronavirusoutbreak-coronavirusuk-activity-6629655670331318273-Djpu)

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