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Dear Parents/Carers

We write to you in regards to the COVID-19 virus to allay any fears and rectify any misunderstanding or misinformation that has been possibly distributed on social media and through 'fake' news.

You will be aware that there has been considerable media coverage of the COVID-19 virus and this can create an atmosphere of alarm. We want to reassure you that we have policy and procedures in place that take into account all of the current advice and guidance from Public Health England and the NHS. We continue to monitor and respond to every changing situation so that we can react in a timely, appropriate and proportional manner should we need to.

We wish to be clear that there are no cases reported in Slough, RBWM or the surrounding counties. We are aware that some schools locally and nationally have been taking precautionary measures where staff and/or children/pupils/students have been away and travelling to affected areas. Below is a letter that we have received from Public Health England and this may be helpful advice and guidance for you also.

Re: COVID-19 Advice for schools and educational settings

You may be aware that advice for travellers from affected areas has recently changed and it has come to our attention that this may affect children and staff returning from school trips. Please be aware that this is a fast evolving situation and we will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity.

As of today (25th February) advice for returning travellers is as follows:

- 1) If you have returned from the following areas **since February 19**, call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel, 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
 - Daegu or Cheongdo, Republic of Korea
 - Hubei province, China (returned in the past 14 days)

*Veronico • Casalpusterlengo • Castlgerundo • Castiglione d'Adda • Codogno • Fombio • Maleo • San Fiorano • Somaglia • Terranova dei Passerini • Vo

- 2) If you have returned from the following areas 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 (see [map](#))
 - Vietnam





- Cambodia
 - Laos
 - Myanmar
- 3) If you have returned to the UK from any of the following areas **in the last 14 days** and develop symptoms of a cough, fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately stay indoors and avoid contact with other people, call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.
- Other parts of China outside Hubei province
 - Thailand
 - Japan
 - Republic of Korea
 - Hong Kong
 - Taiwan
 - Singapore
 - Malaysia
 - Macau

Further guidance for educational settings has been published at the following links and will be updated as soon as possible with the above advice and any further changes:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settins-about-covid-19>

These have been displayed for children/pupils/students in school.

Information for the public:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

the medical director for Public Health England has made it clear that while schools have to make difficult decisions given the complexity of issues that they are facing, their general advice is not to close schools. We are monitoring the situation closely and will respond accordingly.

If you have any queries, please feel free to get in touch with the school. There are no easy decisions in these types of situations; none are taken lightly, all are taken carefully, being well and accurately informed and in the best interests of the students. Be under no illusions that social media comments add further pressure to an already challenging situation. Please contact us directly if you have any questions. If you feel the need to make comments about this on social media or elsewhere, please be conscious of this, and show the kindness and restraint we teach our young people about



responsible use of social media. Thanks to those who have already encouraged others to do the same.

Yours faithfully

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Acting Head of School

