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Dear Parent \ Carer

Given the recent media coverage, we have received enquiries about our position regarding coronavirus (COVID-19). Undoubtedly we have a number of staff, students and family members who have travelled to various places over the recent half term break and we are following Government advice via updates released by Public Health England. The latest update is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

In summary:

**What to do if pupils, students or staff in your childcare or educational setting have travelled from any **Category 1 specified country/area** in the past 14 days**

If an individual falls into this category, contact NHS 111 for further advice:

- if they are currently well, they should self-isolate for 14 days and you should follow the advice as above for contacts of confirmed cases in the educational setting
- if they become unwell please call NHS 111 immediately for them to be assessed by an appropriate specialist. You should follow the advice as above for contacts of confirmed cases in the educational establishment. If they require emergency medical attention, call 999 and tell the call handler or ambulance control that the person has a history of recent travel to risk areas for COVID-19

**What to do if a pupil, student or staff member has travelled from a **Category 2 specified country/area** in the last 14 days**

**If they are currently well:**

- they are advised to self-isolate only if they develop symptoms
- they can continue to attend work or education
- they do not need to avoid contact with other people
- their family do not need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities
- testing people with no symptoms for COVID-19 is currently not recommended
- it is useful to always take a mobile phone with them when they go out so that they can contact others if they do become unwell

**If they become unwell:**

- they should stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as they would with other flu viruses (see this home isolation advice sheet).
- they (or a family member, colleague or member of staff) should call NHS 111 immediately for them to be assessed by an appropriate specialist, as quickly as possible
- they should stay at home and should not attend work or education
- they should not go directly to their GP or other healthcare environment
- if they require emergency medical attention, call 999 and tell the call handler or ambulance control that the person has a history of recent travel to risk areas for COVID-19
- see further information and the Public Health England Blog

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**What to do if pupils, students or staff return from travel anywhere else in the world within the last 14 days**

- Currently there are minimal cases outside the risk areas and therefore the likelihood of an individual coming into contact with a confirmed case is low.
- There is no need to advise any of these pupils, student or staff to avoid normal activities or educational settings unless they have had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- If individuals are aware that they have had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 they should contact NHS 111 for further advice.
- For the latest country specific information please visit NaTHNac Travel Pro.

We are going to do a reminder about good respiratory and hand hygiene in assemblies and of course we will keep abreast of the latest developments and respond accordingly.

**Category 1:** Travellers should self-isolate, even if asymptomatic, and call NHS 111 to inform of recent travel.

**Category 2:** Travellers do not need to undertake any special measures, but if they develop symptoms they should self-isolate and call NHS 111.

The guidance for Italy, Iran, Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea), Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam applies to individuals who returned from these specific areas on or after 19 February 2020.

Category 1 countries/areas	Category 2 countries/areas
Wuhan city and Hubei Province (China, <a href="#">see map</a> )	Cambodia
Iran	China*
Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea, <a href="#">see map</a> )	Hong Kong
Any Italian town under containment measures ( <a href="#">see map</a> )	Italy: north* ( <a href="#">see map</a> )
	Japan
	Laos
	Macau
	Malaysia
	Myanmar
	Republic of Korea*
	Singapore
	Taiwan
	Thailand
	Vietnam

\*Except areas of the country specifically referred to in Category 1.

Regards,

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