

St John's Church of England Primary School

'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength' (Nehemiah 8:10)

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) latest information and advice

26th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to share the most recent Government guidance for people who may have recently travelled to affected areas, which has been expanded to include more areas including Northern Italy. Please see the extract below from the Government's Coronavirus (COVID-19) latest information and advice web page.

Returning travellers

Based on the scientific advice of the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) the UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who has travelled to the UK from mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

We are carrying out enhanced monitoring of direct flights from these areas. Passengers will be told how to report any symptoms they develop during the flight, at the time of arrival, or after leaving the airport.

These areas have been identified because of the volume of air travel from affected areas, understanding of other travel routes and number of reported cases. This list will be kept under review.

If you have returned from these specific areas since February 19, you should call NHS111 and 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
- 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 returned from these areas since February 19th and develop symptoms, however mild, you 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.

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini),
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

We would also like to remind all students, parents and visitors to the school of how we can all play our part to prevent the spread of germs:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.

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- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport.
- Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

More information and guidance can be found on the Government's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) latest information and advice](#) web page.

In addition to this letter, I attach a copy of a poster produced by the DfE which all classes have a copy of which gives information about the Coronavirus and things we can do in school to minimise any risk. In class assemblies this week, we have taken the opportunity to remind children of the importance of good hygiene when going to the toilet or after activities such as playing outside as well as reminding children of good habits when coughing or sneezing.

Should you have require any further information, please have a read of the latest news and guidance via the link above. Should you require medical advice, then please contact your GP or ring 111 as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

Mr P Thomson