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Department of Education - update on Coronavirus

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have, today, received updated advice from the Department for Education regarding the current situation with the Coronavirus. I am duty bound to share this information with you and would like to make you particularly aware of the following piece of information contained within the government guidance regarding recent travels:

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)**

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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**

I would be grateful if you would take the time to read the link attached which has more information. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Yours sincerely,

Mr Siggs
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